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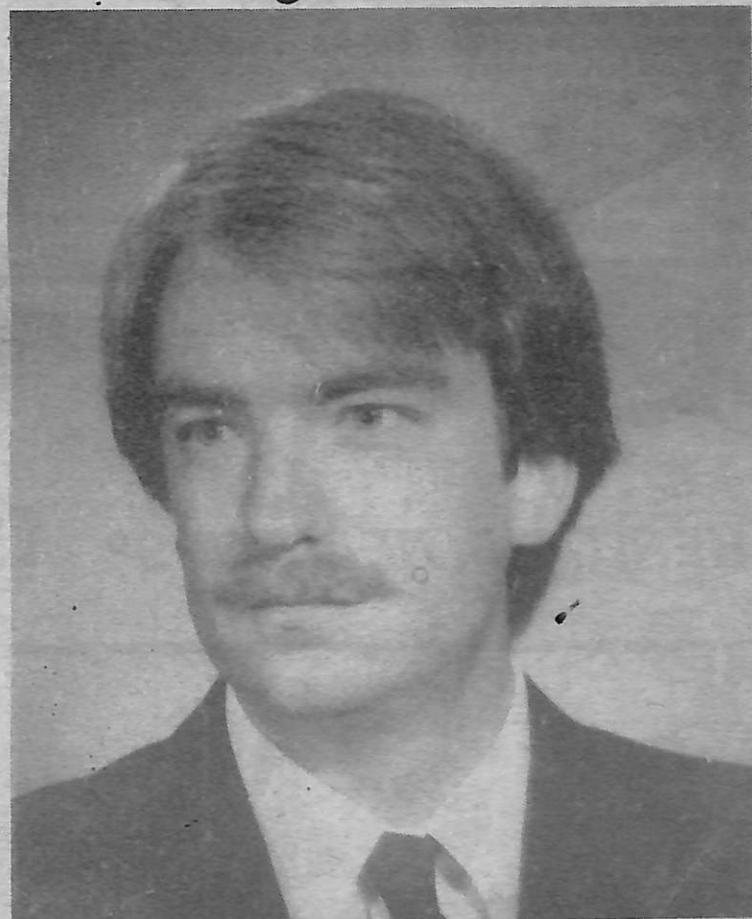
"AGAWAM'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER"

April 27, 1989

Nardi vs. Johnson Residents To Polls To Elect 1st Mayor



Candidate FREDERICK NARDI



Candidate CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Like It Or Not, Axed Town Budget Coming Monday

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Town Manager Frederick Messier seems like a man with a mission and that mission is to present Town Council with a fiscal year 1990 budget on time, and that budget has to balance.

Messier said Tuesday that he will in fact present the council with a line item budget on May 1st, a budget that will include almost \$1 million in cuts to the \$13.5 million School Department Budget and another \$250,000 in cuts to the Department of Public Works.

Without a commitment on state aid from the Commonwealth, and with no assurance that the EEOG funds requested are what Agawam is actually going to get, Messier is in the admittedly difficult position of making the most from many unknowns.

"It's awful to come in here and inherit all this," Messier says, referring to what will be an 11-week interim tenure between Town Manager Linda Mundo, who resigned for personal reasons - and the seating of Agawam's first Mayor, who will have to cope with a budget he did not write.

"We can't manufacture money," Messier told school administrators in a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon. "We can't spend what we don't have, and we don't have it."

Messier has urged approval by the council of a rubbish collection fee (estimated at \$100 per household for 1-4 family units), a move that could raise up to

\$800,000 in new revenue.

In fact, one letter to Messier earlier this week advocated a \$225 fee, with the \$125 difference directed straight into the School Department.

But instead of writing to him, Messier would rather see letters directed to state legislators urging them to balance the states budget and determine just how much funding will filter back to the 351 cities and towns across the Commonwealth, who are caught in this Catch-22 of needing to pass a budget with indeterminate funding.

SEE BUDGET MAY 1ST - Page 2...

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

A Cry For Help

It's spring and everyone, including children, wants to do something fun and exciting. Unfortunately, some children find this a good time to play dangerous games with fire.

Some children play with matches out of curiosity, but for other children fire play is a signal that something is wrong. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to be aware of child firesetting.

Children need to know that fire play is dangerous and cannot be allowed. Whether they are deeply fascinated with fire or simply do not understand the danger, fire play must be dealt with immediately. Parents should contact the Agawam Fire Department or a mental health professional for advice.

Fire play can be very serious. Don't assume it's just a phase and will pass by itself. That could be a deadly assumption. Children who play with fire are dangerous to themselves and others.

It's natural for children between the ages of five and seven to be curious about fire. So it is critically important that you always keep matches, lighters, and similar tools where children can't find or get to them. If a child plays with matches more than once or twice, even after understanding the dangers, that child needs either fire education or professional counseling.

Watch for signs in your children. Besides the obvious sign, a fire, watch for burnt matches or candles around the yard or house, burn holes in clothing, or a lingering odor of burning in a child's room or other area. Don't hesitate if you recognize any of these signs. Waiting a few days can be a fatal mistake. Too often a child sets a fatal fire in the home, killing himself or others, before the parents realize they should have gone for help.

NEWS FLASH AT PRESSTIME

The Advertiser News learned at presstime that Town Manager Frederick Messier has reduced the School Department Budget Cut from \$950,000 to \$650,000, and has not linked the cut to any approval of trash fees by Town Council in the fiscal 1990 budget. The story on this page as well as from School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin were written before this announcement by Messier, but certainly does not lessen the gravity from either Superintendent Bruno or Mrs. Sandlin on the School Department's Budget cut.

Bruno Stunned About More Cuts

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"I was dumbfounded," said School Superintendent James V. Bruno.

In a midnight telephone interview on Tuesday, Bruno discussed the probability that still more cuts could be forthcoming in the School Department's \$13.5 million budget.

According to Bruno, Acting Town Manager Fred Messier called an emergency meeting Tuesday afternoon to inform Bruno and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest that the \$950,000 cut disclosed last week was based on a "contingency budget" - a budget that assumes there will be extra revenues [\$800,000 worth] from a proposed trash collection fee.

In fact, the issue of assessing a proposed \$100 fee for refuse pick-up was brought before the Town Council earlier this month and should appear on a future agenda, but easy passage of that fee is not expected. The refuse fee is expected to generate between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in new revenue to the town, according to Messier and John P. Stone, DPW superintendent.

Bruno, in reporting the "news" from Messier, said that \$300,000 of revenue could be restored "if we (the town) went to the limits of Proposition 2½" and if the trash fees were implemented.

If not, some \$393,555 in additional cuts would have to be made. That brings the total cuts to \$1,043,555.

"It's all predicated on the rubbish fees being accepted by the council," Bruno told the School Committee.

"I had no idea that it was all contingent on those fees," Bruno added. "It was a total shock."

Bruno added that without the approval of rubbish fees, other municipal departments would also feel an additional pinch as they make up the other half of the hoped for assessment.

"The budget submitted to the town manager accurately reflects the needs of our department," Bruno

said, adding that "no one at the School Committee meeting was very enthusiastic about this."

Earlier on Tuesday, Bruno has discussed potential cuts to be made from what he considered an already mutilated budget, cuts that would have affected equipment, supplies, and proposed new programs first, and teacher layoffs last.

In an effort to offset the first round of cuts, Bruno had already requested his staff to review their proposed budgets and prioritize their needs for fiscal year 1990, and had planned staff meetings prior to a May 9th review by the School Committee.

"We can exist with eight or nine year-old textbooks books more easily than we can exist with 40 students in a classroom," Bruno added as he put teachers rock bottom in the list of things that could or should be cut.

"We've sent layoff notices to 50 teachers," Bruno said. "If we have to cut staff, we'll probably have to look at teaching assistants first." He added that some staff reductions might be incurred via retirement and attrition.

He is concerned that massive cuts could have a negative impact on the town's ability to implement some mandated programs and in turn jeopardize future funding of those programs and services.

"We could fall further behind in mandated special needs," Bruno said. "I hope the council will see fit to restore the money."

"We are preparing for the worst. And our what if's include questions about just how much EEOG [Equal Educational Opportunity Grant] money will come in from the state. We're operating in a vacuum now, because we just don't know..." he said.

Present at the Tuesday afternoon meeting were Messier, DPW Superintendent John Stone, Carol Taylor, Charest and Bruno.

BUDGET COMING MAY 1ST - From Page 1...

Messier notes that the cuts he's making are not going to be popular, but adds that he's wielding the budget knife across the board. "Every department is going to feel some cuts," he adds.

Messier will continue to work in the

Manager/Mayoral office for a 10-day recount period following next Tuesday's election.

State laws requires that grace period before the new administrator takes over. It's a law that tightens up the budget review picture even more, although both Mayoral candidates hold council seats at present and will receive budget copies on May 1st.

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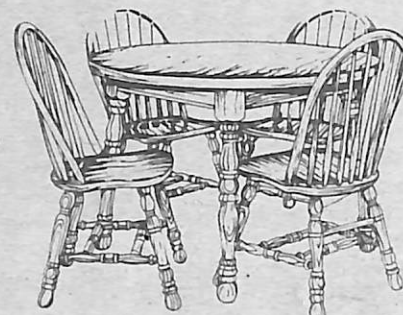
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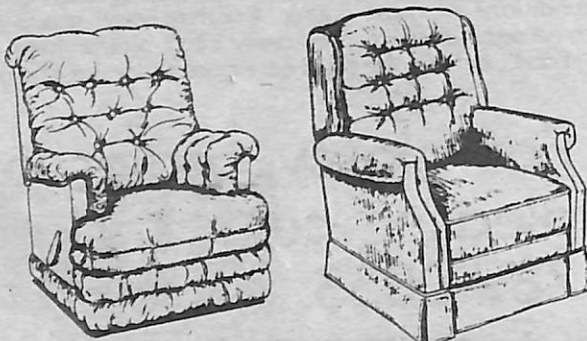
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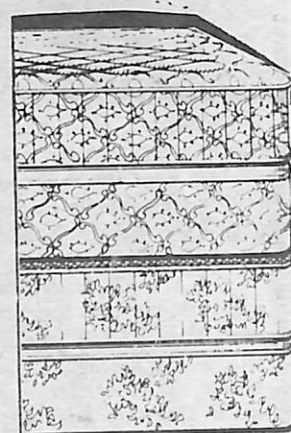
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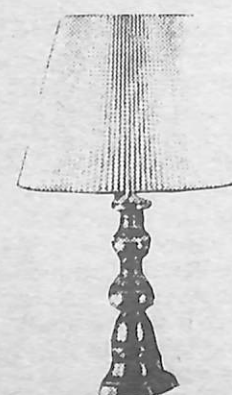
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Editorial

Balboni Says 1984 School Prediction Is Now The Truth

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Five years ago, on May 2nd, 1984, Walter Balboni submitted a "Guest Editorial" regarding the School Budget titled, "Education Is Not A Major Thrust Of Agawam." At the time the proposed School Budget was cut by the then Town Manager by \$329,000. This year the proposed cut is \$950,000, over three times the amount in five years' time.

What Mr. Balboni forewarned and predicted then has happened!! The substance of that Editorial holds true today; the plight of our school system has now reached a crisis stage.

Guest Editorial...

Education Is Not A Major Thrust Of Agawam

by Walter Balboni
Agawam School Committee Member

As one who has been close to our school system for many years, (19) with no monetary reward, or axe to grind, I would like to pass along a few comments on the proposed school budget cut of \$329,000.

Low budgets are not new to the public schools of Agawam, our community has a long history of not supporting public education, for some adverse reasons education has not been the major thrust of our community. Politics yes, education no!!!

It may be of interest to many, that for several years Agawam ranked 339th out of the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for school expenditures, and only last year rose to a high rank of 306th.

For years the school budget has been a battle of survival; in the past it was selectman, finance board, and the town meeting. The scene has changed to town manager and council, but the fight remains the same.

I have been asked, "How can the schools manage with such a low budget?" "Easy," I reply. Educational programs will have to be cut in addition to those already cut; staff layoffs will be necessary; supplies and materials cut back; and textbooks eliminated.

The results will see larger class sizes, eliminating individualized instruction that many young students need; less instruction, because larger classes also mean more discipline time, rather than instruction; non-up-to-date textbooks; and less supplies and materials for student instructions and experiments.

The pattern is **not new**, only more magnified. Each year we slide deeper into the morass of questionable education for our young people when more, not less, education is needed for individual survival. Every known report on education, starting with President Reagan's report on "Education Excellence," released only last year (that shocked us all) to Gov. Dukakis pledged support for increased aid to education, recognizes that need. But we in Agawam choose to ignore these warnings.

Paying The Price For 2½

It's unfortunate that the public fell for the **hoax of Proposition 2½**. I know I'm not paying less taxes, and I doubt if anyone else is also. I said (then) publicly, that because of Proposition 2½, there would be a serious crisis in three or four years in the quality of education, and that the community would pay a high price in the long run.

Unfortunately, that prediction is coming true. We are going to have problems in attracting quality people in the field of education, and the quality of a school system is in its staff.

I can honestly state, were it not for the professionalism and dedication of many members of our staff, and my personal knowledge of their out-of-pocket expenses, Agawam's public education's results would be for worse.

Frankly, I don't like the tone of things. There is definitely an attitude of apathy. Support of a good school system requires a great deal of public spirit and concern for the town's future. Over the years I have come to realize that our community doesn't seem to care much.

Elected Officials Effect Quality Of Education

In the final analysis, it's the elected and appointed officials, manager, council and school committee, who effect the quality of life in a community such as ours.

There is a popular automobile bumper sticker that just about sums up Agawam's attitude and support of its schools. "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

After fighting the battle for 19 years, I can only conclude that because of apathy and a general lack of concern for its young people, Agawam is willing to sit back and try the latter.

Tennis Club Chief Upset About Perry Lane



AN OLD NET COVERS A GAPING HOLE in a section of the chained-link fence at the Perry Lane Park tennis courts. Jack Brennan, president of the Agawam Tennis Club, is upset about the conditions at the three courts. Broken glass, other debris, cracked courts, and bad nets are other problems that plague the courts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Tennis Club Presidents Scores Tennis Courts At Perry Lane

To The Editor:

As president of the Agawam Tennis Club, I wish to first announce there will be a meeting and some tennis on Saturday, May 6th, at 10:00 a.m., at the "tennis courts" at Perry Lane Park. All residents wishing to play tennis with a group this summer should attend this meeting.

I am very concerned and upset with the deplorable conditions of the three tennis courts at Perry Lane Park. The town went through a great deal of trouble to obtain this property but now appears to have abandoned it - especially the three tennis courts.

It is not fair to ask residents to play on tennis courts that often have broken glass, grass growing in huge cracks, and torn chain-linked fences. Someone is going to get seriously injured if the town doesn't take the proper action to repair these tennis courts.

Last year over 40 residents signed-up to play. More than half never came back after seeing the horrible conditions of these courts. Another small group just came once or twice. You really can't blame them.

I can't believe the town continues to ignore and give

the same excuses year after year about these courts. There is also a huge drainage problem on these courts and this only widens the cracks.

I think that once again the town is proving to be pennywise and pound-foolish at Perry Lane Park. It should protect the residents who wish to use this facility by repairing the courts now.

Sincerely,
Jack Brennan, President
Agawam Tennis Club

PAC Urges Residents To Attend D.A.R.E. Benefit

To The Editor:

The Agawam Parents Advisory Council (PAC) would like to remind all Agawam residents that on Sunday, April 30th, at the Agawam High School, the Agawam UNICO will be holding a Pancake Breakfast in support of the D.A.R.E. program.

This is your opportunity to show your support for this worthwhile program. Hope to see you there!

The PAC

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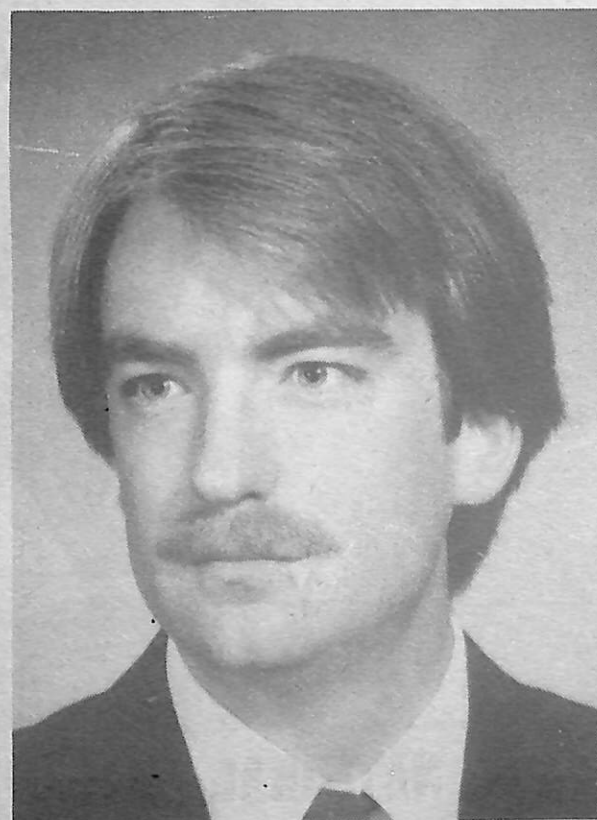
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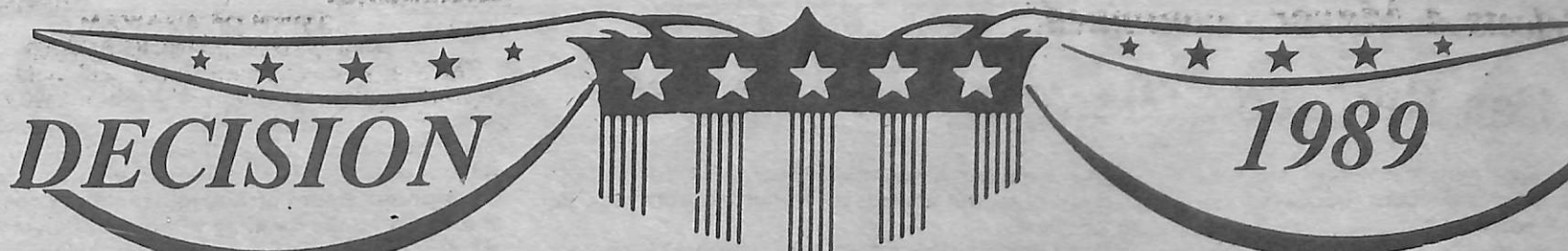
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Agawam Selects A Mayor On Tuesday

Senior Center's Debate Gives Mayor Hopefuls Chance To Air Issues

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Mayoral candidates Christopher Johnson and Frederick Nardi presented their views on how Agawam should be run as they debated the issues before some 150 senior citizens and interested on-lookers at the Agawam Senior Center last week.

Both candidates were given three minutes to introduce themselves and present their platform before fielding questions from three panelists, which included *Agawam Advertiser News* Staff Reporter Christine Piesyk, *Union-News* Reporter Anne Marie Cardaropoli and TV-22 Reporter Amy Landsman.

The issues raised included siting a county jail in Agawam, education of Agawam's student population, development of open space, and even the differences in age and experience of each candidate.

Johnson opted for a conservative view when it came to budget issues, noting that valid judgement calls on budget cuts were virtually impossible without commitments from the state as to local aid figures and EEOG (Equal Education Opportunity Grant).

Nardi stressed his business experience, noting that he knows "where the money is and how to get it."

He advocates better investment planning for Agawam's money and guaranteed "no teachers would lose their jobs" under his administration.

Neither candidate wants to see a county jail in Agawam, and both vowed that they "would keep it out."

Age was another issue that came into play, as the 27 year-old Johnson defended his candidacy and urged other young people to take a second look at government and run for public office.

Nardi stated he had no qualms over age, adding that anyone who is old enough to serve his country and vote should have the right to seek elective office.

Both pledged extensive support for educational programs and for services to the elderly.

Following a brief summation, the hour-long debate closed allowing the candidates time to meet with voters.

Both candidates squared off in a two-hour debate this past Tuesday night on WSPR Radio in Springfield, a debate sponsored in-part by *The Advertiser News*.



MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA PANEL who asked questions at last Wednesday's debate at the Agawam Senior Center. From left - Ann Marie Cardaropoli, *Springfield Union News*; Amy Landsman, TV-22; and Christine Piesyk, *Agawam Advertiser News*. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE FREDERICK NARDI explains his position on the school budget as his opponent, Christopher Johnson, waits his turn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE FREDERICK NARDI explains his position on the town budget at the Agawam Senior Center's debate on April 12th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON fields a question at the Agawam Senior Center last Wednesday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

"We Can Replace School Money" - Nardi

"All department heads must meet and see where cuts can be made from individual budgets," says Mayoral candidate Frederick Nardi.

"I still say we can replace money in the school budget and keep all the teachers working."

Nardi maintains that the town's money is not invested properly and believes he could find ways to earn as much as 1 1/2 percent more interest on Agawam's investment dollars. "I do it with my own money. I can do it with Agawam's," he says. "Why get 9 1/2 percent when we can get 11 percent?"

He believes the town lost too much money [interest earned on tax dollars] when the mailing of the tax bills were delayed by some three months last fall.

"It's all in managing properly, which is something they don't do," he maintains.

"Agawam needs central purchasing," he adds, pointing out potential savings on everything from rock salt to gasoline.

Nardi defended his refusal to participate in a proposed Chamber of Commerce sponsored debate, citing time factors (in fact insufficient lead time) and prior commitments within his campaign schedule as the reason behind the refusal.

He maintains that the question of age that has arisen within this campaign is not really the issue.

"My old age or his (opponent Christopher Johnson) young age is not an issue," Nardi said Tuesday. "Who is best qualified is the issue?"

Nardi stated definitively that should he be defeated in this Mayoral bid, he will seek re-election to his present council seat next fall.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 4, 1989 at 7:30 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Joseph F. Napolitan to allow a repetition to the Agawam Board of Appeals to permit construction of a single family dwelling without sufficient frontage.
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After war service took job as truck driver with Sweet Life. Rose to top job with company. Senior Vice-President and General Manager of huge multi-million dollar corporation.	Became a lawyer. Now works as condominium lawyer for Northampton law firm.
Has managed household budget 30 years. Has managed business budgets. Has supervised large work force. Has negotiated union contracts. Has management experience. Has hired and fired employees when necessary.	Never ran a house budget. Never managed business budget. Never supervised a work force. Never negotiated with unions. No management experience. Never hired and fired employees.
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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Johnson Refutes Ads Criticizing Campaign

"In recent weeks my opponent has run a series of advertisements which are critical of my campaign. Many of these advertisements contain half truths and untruths. I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight with regard to some of these advertisements," said Mayor candidate Chris Johnson.

"1. My opponent claims that I am a developer and I own three parcels of land that are ready for development. The **truth** is that I own three pieces of property: two units in a restored historical missionary retreat in Goshen, Massachusetts, and a historical house in Williamsburg, Massachusetts. I own no parcels of land ready for development, and I have never been involved in the development of any land.

"2. My opponent claims that on January 4th, 1988, I cast the deciding vote to elect Mr. Rheault Council President. The **truth** is that on January 4th, 1988, there were numerous five-five tie ballots cast because my opponent was **absent**. The vote was ultimately postponed to January 19th, 1988, when Mrs. Fuller switched her vote to elect Mr. Rheault Council President.

"3. My opponent claims that I voted against removing the asbestos from the schools because it cost too much money. The **truth** is that I voted against setting the bond price of \$1.1 million based on **one** bid. The vote was taken in January, and the removal of asbestos was not scheduled to begin until summer vacation. The town official in charge of the asbestos removal agreed that other bids should be solicited, and confirmed that securing those bids would **not delay** the scheduled asbestos removal.

"4. My opponent claims that on August 1st, 1988, I moved for the acquisition of St. Anne's Country Club for \$4.2 million, and on January 3rd, 1989 he moved for its acquisition for \$3.75 million. The **truth** is that on August 1st, 1988 the town had the option to match the bonafide offer then existing for St. Anne's Country Club. The amended motion presented by me on August 1st, 1988 was for the acquisition of St. Anne's Country Club for \$3.875 million. On January 3rd, 1989, after I had placed the acquisition back on the agenda, I moved for the purchase of St. Anne's Country Club for the negotiated price of \$3.25 million. On January 3rd, 1989, my opponent made no formal motion for the acquisition of St. Anne's Country Club for \$3.75 million.

"5. My opponent criticized my motion concerning setting the Temporary Manager's pay. The **truth** is that Mrs. Mundo was paid \$302.61 per week extra to perform the duties of Temporary Town Manager in addition to her regular duties. My opponent proposed paying Mr. Messier \$127.42 per week extra to perform the duties of Temporary Town Manager in addition to his regular duties. After my opponent's motion was soundly defeated, I proposed a fair resolution of the issue, which was that Mr. Messier be compensated the same amount extra per week (\$302.61) that Mrs. Mundo was paid to perform the duties of Temporary Town Manager in addition to his regular duties of Data Processing Manager. My resolution was overwhelmingly passed by the Council.

"These are only examples of the misleading statements contained in my opponents advertisements. It is regrettable that he chooses to subject the Town of Agawam to further ridicule by running these untrue advertisements. I submit this statement only with the hope that you, the people of Agawam, know the truth before you cast your ballot for Mayor on Tuesday, May 2nd," concluded Johnson.

Johnson Says Time Ripe For Positive Change

"Over the past few months you have been reminded that Agawam is on the brink of change. That change began in April 1988 when the Town Council voted to send the mayoral charter change to the Legislature in Boston. It continued in November 1988, when you, the people of Agawam, overwhelmingly voted to replace the appointed Town Manger with an elected mayor.

"Shortly after the polls closed in November's election, the mayoral hopefuls started to announce their candidacy. By the time the nomination process had ended, there were seven candidates for mayor. On Tuesday, March 28th, you the voters of Agawam went to the polls in record numbers to narrow the field of candidates from seven to two.

"Throughout the election, I have concentrated on identifying and speaking about the issues that are vital to the people of Agawam. As a community, we are at the proverbial 'crossroads' with respect to our future. We must start to control development, and retain more open space. We must improve our schools, and fight

drug and alcohol abuse in the classroom as well as in the community. We must keep the jail out of Agawam, and stop being the dumping ground for unwanted regional facilities. We must protect our environment, and resolve the solid waste disposal crisis. The list of issues stretches onward.

"We must face these issues along with severe cuts in state aid, and the Proposition 2½ property tax limit. The government of Agawam will be forced to change. New more efficient methods must be explored. We must find ways to maintain and improve services while spending less money.

"Agawam is on the brink of change in its form of government as well as in the operation of that government. Agawam needs fresh new ideas, and the support of the people to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

"I urge all the citizens of Agawam to vote on Tuesday, May 2nd, in Agawam's first mayoral election. Together, we the people, can make a positive change for Agawam's future," concluded Johnson.



Town Warrant For The Special Town Election

HAMPDEN ss:

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Agawam.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in compliance with the provisions set forth in AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR IN THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts qualified to vote in elections, are herewith notified to meet in their respective polling places as follows:

- Precinct 1 - Robinson School, 65 Begley St.
- Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger School, South Westfield St.
- Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.
- Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 100 Main St.
- Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School St.
- Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford St.
- Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield St.

on Tuesday, the second day of May, 1989, at eight o'clock A.M. to 8:00 P.M., then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following offices:

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Richard M. Theroux
Town Clerk

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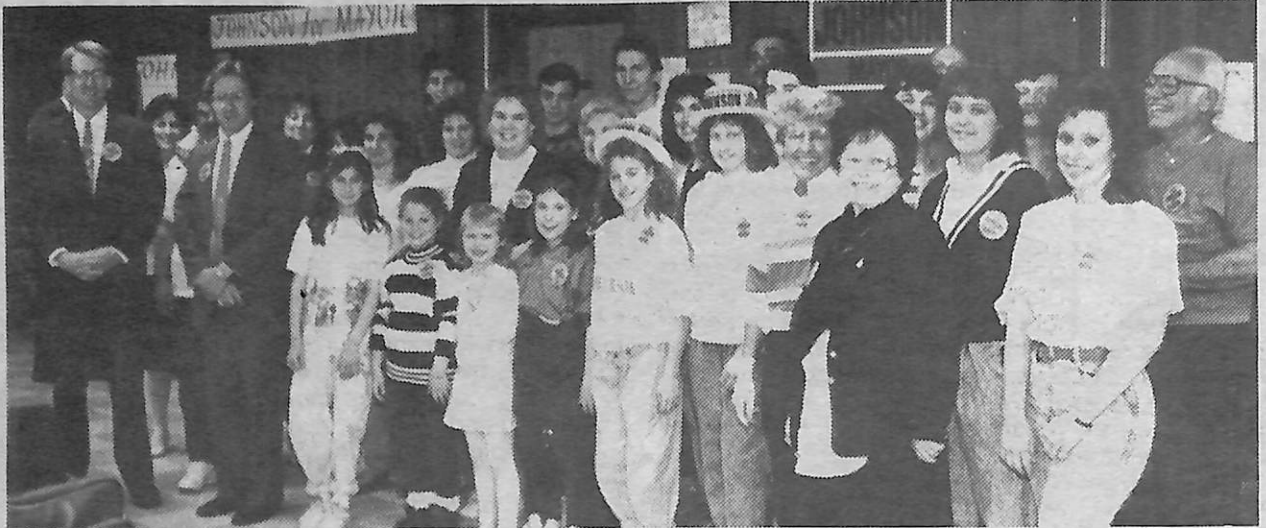
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Johnson Committee Says 800 Served At Sunday Dinner



KITCHEN WORKERS Claire & Louis Planzo dish-out ziti at Chris Johnson's Sunday ziti dinner on April 23rd.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE Christopher Johnson (left) and Campaign Manager Patrick Nolan are pictured with all those campaign workers who pitched-in at last Sunday's ziti dinner at the Polish American Club.



ALISON DASSATTI attended Chris Johnson's ziti dinner with her parents last Sunday.



CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON with his bake sale staff at his ziti dinner. From left - Phyllis Kamyk, Lisa Johnson, Terry Bennett, Jane Giordano, and Maria Sutton.



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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Johnson Campaign Ready For Final Weekend Push



HELPING TO RUN THE BAKE SALE at last Sunday's ziti dinner for Chris Johnson are Mrs. Saito and Pam Dudek.

MAKING PLANS for the big weekend push for this Tuesday's Mayoral Election at Johnson Headquarters are Dave Clouse, Maria Sutton, and Sue Sclafani.

Check
Our
Classified
Pages



LISA JOHNSON, MARY KAMYK, and MRS. KAMYK were busy serving goodies at Chris Johnson's ziti dinner.



ALISON DASSATTI (in wagon) and Gregory Gay campaign for Chris Johnson on Sharon Lane last Saturday.

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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...**Our Readers Speak Out On Mayor!****On The Election Of Fred Nardi For Mayor****To The Editor:**

I have lived in Agawam for 38 years. Chris Johnson wasn't born when I moved to town. Now he is running for the top job as mayor. Ask yourself, fellow voters, is he ready to serve the town in this important position? I say no. He has served 16 months (a partial term) on the Town Council. Ask yourself if this is sufficient time and experience to take over the top job in our town? I do not believe that it is. He hasn't lived long enough to gather the necessary experience to care for all the ramifications of town government. He has voted on only one town budget. Is that enough to jump into the driver's seat to guide town government in our town hall? I do not think so. There are no substitutes for "time" and he hasn't lived long enough to gather the necessary "seasoning" that comes only with "time" and experience.

In his 16 months on the Town Council, he has served his "apprenticeship." Ask yourself Agawam voters, do you want an "apprentice" to serve as mayor with a \$50,000 salary? There is no place for on-the-job training. I believe that he has been ill-advised to seek this office so early in his career. The people who vote for him are not doing him or the town any favors.

It is for these reasons above that I early on felt that Fred Nardi would serve the town better as our first mayor. He is "seasoned" by experience. He served as a Marine for four years in World War II in the Pacific. He rose in the Sweet Life organization from a truck driver to Vice President and General Manager over 40 years. (His retirement party at Chez Josef this year where 1,300 people gathered to pay him honor was an inspiration). He has been repeatedly elected to town offices from town meeting member to selectman, and, for the life of the Council, as a Councilor. He is no apprentice. He served that many years ago. He has paid his dues. He is qualified in so many ways to become Agawam's first mayor.

Voters of Agawam, join with me next Tuesday, May 2nd, by pulling lever 1A for Fred Nardi. He is ready by political and business experience to administer the town government!

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart
Agawam Town Councilor

Let's Set Record Straight On Johnson's Asbestos Vote**To The Editor:**

As a resident who has been following this mayoral race closely, I must express my exasperation with the political advertisements of one of the candidates. In *The Agawam Advertiser News* issue dated April 20th, 1989, Mr. Nardi stated (in his advertisement) that Mr. Johnson voted "no" to remove the asbestos from our schools. What Mr. Nardi omitted in his ad, is that Mr. Johnson voted "no" because he thought it was important to the town to solicit more than one bid for the project.

As the candidate who has bombarded us with "business experience" throughout this campaign, ISN'T THAT PRECISELY WHAT MR. NARDI SHOULD HAVE DONE? Soliciting more than one bid for the project would save the town money which could be applied back to the education budget. Let the record show that Mr. Johnson is definitely in favor of the asbestos removal; after all, he is a product of the Agawam school system, and he recognizes the importance of safety in our schools.

The purpose of this letter, however, isn't to defend Mr. Johnson's position on the issues, but to say that I am extremely frustrated with the accusations that Mr. Nardi is making against Mr. Johnson. I am tired of Mr. Nardi omitting the facts and misleading the residents of this town, and I find it unfortunate that Mr. Johnson has had to use valuable advertising dollars in order to answer these advertisements with the facts. Mr. Nardi has advertised extensively in *The Advertiser*, but 90 percent of the ads I've seen have only served to point his finger at Mr. Johnson, instead of presenting his views on the campaign issues.

I'm thankful that we do have a candidate that is truly concerned about this town and its residents, and is above the negative campaigning that Mr. Nardi has displayed in the past few weeks. I am going to cast my vote for Mr. Johnson on May 2nd, and I strongly urge you to do the same.

Very truly yours,
Vivian M. Dziardziel

Fred Nardi Has Long List Of Accomplishments For Ag.**To The Editor:**

As I followed the mayoral campaign, I am amazed to see what is being said about Fred Nardi.

For the benefit of the newer residents of Agawam, let me tell you about Fred Nardi the man and a few things this man has done.

Many of you parents with younger children most likely have been to the Sacred Heart baseball fields to enjoy an evening of youth baseball/softball. Many years ago when Father Lindsey was unable to raise the sufficient funds to purchase this property, it was Fred Nardi who stepped forward to make up the shortfall and the fields were a reality.

When the senior citizens first organized and needed a place to meet, Fred Nardi paid the rent for a hall.

Many families who had a run of bad luck or illness were the recipients of boxes of groceries left on their door step.

Many families' sons and daughters started their working careers with a summer or part-time job at Sweet Life Foods.

This man who has given of himself not only to the Town but to the people of this town, has been doing these things all his life.

As the campaign winds to a close, I ask you to remember this man and to look beyond his superior qualifications which are heads and shoulders above his opponent and remember what Fred Nardi has done for the folks of Agawam.

What is this change that everyone seems to be asking for? Is the change for the better? Is the change for the better? Or is it change for the sake of change? A \$1 million cut in the school system, a \$1 million cut in town services, a trash fee, ambulance fees, an 85 percent increase in water rates are only a few problems to be solved by the first Mayor.

Let's elect the most qualified man to help solve these problems—Mr. Nardi.

Joan Bonello
11 Pleasant Drive
Feeding Hills

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Former Councilor Harpin Rebutts Longo's Comments

To The Editor:

Mr. Longo, I would like to let you know that I DO respect your right to support the candidate of your choice just as I respect the right of every voter in Agawam to make their choice. What I do not respect is your tactics.

After making two attacks on Fred Nardi (the most "serious" one being an accusation about using bad words), I find it rather humorous that you would question my character. I again ask you Mr. Longo, are the best shots you can take at Fred Nardi compiled from petty gossip gathered from old newspaper articles alleging that Mr. Nardi made some improper remarks?

You challenge Mr. Nardi's record on elderly issues. Over the years, Mr. Nardi has given his utmost support on any issue involving elderly needs. This is a matter of record. What have you or your candidate done for the elderly in Agawam?

When you pointed out your "facts" in your most recent editorial, you stated that Mr. Nardi was on the Board of Selectmen from 1966 to 1968. You also pointed out that there was a \$14 per thousand tax increase in 1968 and another \$13 per thousand "the following year." First let me point out that your "facts" are in error. You can recite dates quite accurately when you refer to your gossip, but your research is a bit lacking when a more important issue is involved. Mr. Nardi was on the Board of Selectmen from 1965 to 1967.

Even if your dates were accurate, why weren't you man enough to say 1969 instead of "the following year"? By either of our statistics, Mr. Nardi was not on the Board in 1969. The new Board of Selectmen apparently felt that the growth of Agawam demanded that programs be funded to meet the needs of the Town. Couldn't they have cut any new spending that might have been initiated by previous Boards of Selectmen?

Mr. Longo, you accuse me of underestimating the intelligence of the voters and of "distortion, deception, diversion, and half-truths." In the next breath, you try to pull a fast one on the citizens with your imaginary "facts." Who is kidding who?

I did not write the editorial on April 13th to distract from the issues. I wrote it to focus on them and to expose you for what you are—a man on the outside looking in. You said that you will not respond to my "attack" because you are not a candidate for mayor. In case you haven't noticed Mr. Longo, I am also not a candidate for mayor. I am simply a concerned citizen concerned about the future of Agawam. I wish you would respond to my editorial so I may know the error of my ways and hear your version of why you are hacking away at Fred Nardi.

In the meantime, I anxiously await your next set of "facts" that you will use to attack Fred Nardi. I just hope that it is not some real serious infraction like spitting on the sidewalk in front of Town Hall!!!

Sincerely,
Fred Harpin

Johnson Can Restore Our Town Pride

To The Editor:

I applaud Chris Johnson and his success in the Primary. Mr. Johnson has had the intelligence and creativity to let the townspeople run his campaign. No born and bred politicians, just regular people who share in the common belief of restoring Agawam into a town to be proud of.

It is apparent that Mr. Johnson is acting in the best interest of the town by giving its people the chance to help create a community where we all feel welcome.

So I ask Mr. Johnson's supporters to please return to the polls May 2nd and make the most of this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Laura A. Dassatti
Feeding Hills

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Last Two Weeks Have Seen Nardi Worsen Campaign

To The Editor:

The last two weeks have seen the mayoral election process go from bad to worse as judged by the ads against Attorney Chris Johnson. While vaguely disguised as political ads for Councilor Nardi, they are in fact nothing more than personal attacks with little or no attempt at adhering to the truth.

In just two weeks, these ads have gone from presenting a false view of Chris Johnson as a non-tax paying scofflaw who lived at home and owned neither a house or land, to a false view of Attorney Johnson as a land developer unable or unwilling to control the future development of our town. How did Attorney Johnson get all this land in just two weeks?

In reality, Attorney Johnson owns no land in Agawam, or for that matter in Hampden County. He does own three rental properties, one of which is located in an older section of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and is centered on a piece of property about 40 feet wide. Great development opportunities, don't you think?

Contact Attorney Johnson if you have any questions. He is not afraid of the truth and will give you an honest answer. If something in these misleading ads bothers you, then call Attorney Johnson and get the truth.

Chris Johnson has chosen to keep his campaign focused on the issues. He has shown that he is a man of integrity and hence has not responded with a mudslinging campaign of his own.

I admire a man who can control his reactions in the face of these provocative attacks. He has shown that he has the self-control and personal qualifications of leadership necessary to bring pride back to Agawam.

Chris Johnson gives us a clear choice between an open campaign built on the issues and on the truth and an apparently desperate campaign built on unsubstantiated rumors, personal attacks dealing with non-political issues like age and living arrangements and outright lies.

Attorney Johnson has chosen to stand before the citizens and debate the issues at the forums the people demand. He wants the people to know what he stands for. He has nothing to hide.

Why did Councilor Nardi choose (as published) to avoid the Wednesday, April 26th debate at the Junior High? The other meeting used as the excuse was actually scheduled for Thursday, April 27th. Attorney Johnson attended both. Why didn't Councilor Nardi? Call and ask him.

Today's paper (Springfield Union-News 4/24/89) continued these personal attacks again calling Attorney Johnson a developer but now they include his campaign manager Pat Nolan. It now appears that no one is safe from Councilor Nardi's ads. Who is next? Check out the truth. Call Attorney Johnson and he will reiterate the facts that he owns no land or buildings in Agawam or Hampden County.

If you want integrity and honesty to be the cornerstone of the Mayor's office, then pull Lever 2A on May 2nd, and vote for Attorney Chris Johnson. I will.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Mrs. Harpin Responds To Mrs. Mosher; Supports Nardi

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to the April 13th editorial by Carolyn Mosher regarding Mr. Johnson's "positive campaign." Maybe I missed something over the past few months, but as far as I can recall, it was Mr.

Johnson who started the "compare the candidates" ads. Mr. Johnson used a list of dates where Fred Nardi was unable to attend council meetings and if you look carefully, he listed the same date twice to give his ad what he apparently thought was credibility.

In reading Mr. Johnson's "compare the candidates" advertisement, the issue that I found most ironic was the statement that Johnson voted for the mayor while Nardi voted to retain the manager. With the conflict involving the charter, I fail to see how this makes Johnson a better candidate. The only thing that it tells me is that Johnson was looking for a new job and this was his opportunity. My feelings are further reinforced by the fact that Johnson was one of the first candidates to announce his bid for office.

Now that Fred Nardi has responded with his own "compare the candidates" list, the Johnson supporters are screaming foul. Before the citizens of Agawam make any judgments on this ad, I believe that they will scrutinize it and give it careful thought. If this is done, I believe that they will come to the same conclusion that I came to. That conclusion is that the issue is not one of age but of INEXPERIENCE.

Ms. Mosher points out that Mr. Nardi owns property in Agawam while Mr. Johnson owns property "ELSEWHERE." My question is — where is "ELSEWHERE"? How does property ownership "ELSEWHERE" give Mr. Johnson the sensitivity to deal with the feelings of the people of AGAWAM who must pay local property taxes, particularly when the property in "ELSEWHERE" is investment property. I do not generate income from my house in Agawam, I cannot raise rents, and I cannot dump it and walk away if taxes and expenses are too high or services too poor. This property is my HOME. I can't just pack up and move to "ELSEWHERE" when the spirit moves me.

Ms. Mosher also points out how refreshing it is to find a young man who lives at home with his parents. I agree with her on that point. It is refreshing to find a family situation where children live home until they are ready to make that big step and move out on their own. My kids still live home as do the children of many of my friends. Are they ready to be the mayor of Agawam? Maybe in a few years after they learn what personal responsibility is all about but not just now. How about it parents with kids at home—are they ready to be mayor?

Ms. Mosher calls the comparison dirty politics. I think that the comparison of experience and maturity are probably the most important issues we are facing in this election. Can we afford to vote for change just for the sake of change? If this is our motive, we may be like the man who cut off his nose to spite his face.

Christine Harpin
32 Federal Street
Agawam

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Resident Says Johnson Twice Refused To Assist Him

To The Editor:

I have lived in Agawam most of my life. I, like most people, do not go to my paid, elected representatives unless I have a real problem.

My water bill, because of a bad water meter or leaks, was real high so I asked for help from Town Councilor Christopher Johnson to help get it taken care of so I could pay my bill.

Mr. Johnson had an answering service and I left my message for him on it. He never called me back on it. So, I went to his Mayor Kick-Off at the Captain Charles Leonard House and asked him why he did not help me. He said that he did not get the message.

I was very lucky to have Mr. Fred Nardi's help as I wanted to settle the problem. Mr. Nardi was there for me and was courteous and happy to assist.

Another occasion came up where Mr. Johnson refused to help me. I live beside the VFW and the Knights of Columbus on South Street. I have an old dump truck. It's about 30 or 35 feet on my land. All of the windows were broken on it by someone. Then, two bee hives moved in.

I again called Mr. Johnson. He was now up for Mayor so had three phone numbers. I called all three numbers and got recordings on machines. I left my message on two of the machines and on the third phone someone answered. I told the person I needed Chris Johnson to help me go to the Police Dept. and get this settled.

The woman told me she would tell him. I went to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, and I asked Mr. Johnson why he didn't help me this time. He would not answer.

I told Mr. Johnson he should resign now because he is not doing his job as a town councilor yet is getting \$2,000 a year for it. As a Mayor, would he be any different? He finally told me to get lost.

Mr. Nardi went to the Police Department for me on this and I will now see what happens.

I ask the people who are voting or thinking about voting for Chris Johnson to think first and ask themselves which Mayor candidate is a people-person. Although my two problems may not seem to be very important, I at least think I deserved to be treated fairly and with some kindness. I got none from Mr. Johnson, but did get plenty from Mr. Nardi.

Charles Avezzie
204 South Street
Agawam

People-Person Nardi Can Deal With Many Town Problems

To The Editor:

In order for Fred Nardi to gain some votes for Mayor in the Feeding Hills area of town, there are a few problems in the area he has to deal with.

There's been an old car sitting at the end of Francis Street near Mrs. Irene Kelly's home. It's in the rear of Shibley Court and it seems the Police can't get it out.

The Shibley Court management won't get it out and the small street can't be maintained.

Mrs. Kelly has been very discouraged - taxes are going up but there seems to be less service from the town.

The other building is a smoke-filled coffee shop that once was a nice gathering place. Peter Harris and these people use to gather there from Royal Street. The Cussons from North Agawam and Liberty Street would gather there, too. There are other smoke-filled coffee shops along Springfield Street and there should be limited smoking in these coffee shops to protect the good food served there.

I think the experience of Fred Nardi will return Agawam to a more caring town - the School Budget has been cut and needed programs and there are teachers who stand to lose their jobs.

Now, I wonder why the Feeding Hills Counseling Center sends people all the way over to Westfield to get medical care when there are doctors right here in Agawam who can take care of us. The doctors I went to gave me so much of the wrong medication that it cost the taxpayers too much and I lost my right to protect my own health.

It's still not too late to vote for Fred Nardi. Other senior citizens, middle age folks, and the young voters should get out and vote for Nardi's years of experience in town government. I wonder how such a young man as his opponent can cope with the many, many problems facing this town with such limited experience in town government, regardless of how many degrees he may have.

The town at times seems to be such a mess. We need to clean-up our town, now, and I think that the experience of Fred Nardi can do just that.

Liz Conway Meissner
Amherst Avenue
Feeding Hills

Former School Businessman Supports Nardi's Candidacy

To The Editor:

Former Agawam School Business Manager, Richard J. Dudek, says the choice of our First Mayor may be the most important vote we take in many years. Among the major decisions the mayor will make are those that relate directly to our most important asset, our children.

As I have worked directly in the management of our school department money, and as I have a student in our schools, I am very concerned about both the background and attitude of our future mayor regarding our children and their education. Parents are alarmed about the prospects of about \$1 million being cut from our school budget, of numerous, important programs being cut, of many teachers being laid-off, and of class sizes being made much larger.

Both candidates say they are for education, and I believe this is probably true. However, it is in their positions and commitments that a major difference appears.

Mr. Nardi says he is committed to our kids, and will manage the funds of our fine community in such a way to guarantee NO TEACHER LAY-OFFS. This is a

strong stand by a strong businessman with a grandchild in our schools.

Mr. Johnson says he is not sure what he can do, but he will try something. His statements seem to indicate that he lacks the fortitude and strong commitment that will be needed to provide adequate school funds, and to handle the real tough and complex job of being Agawam's first mayor.

It also concerns me that Mr. Johnson was the only one of 11 councilors to vote against the removal of the cancer-causing asbestos in our schools. Perhaps if he had children in the schools, and as he gains more experience, Mr. Johnson would mature more and have greater concern and dedication regarding our kids.

After viewing their records, experiences, backgrounds, and stands on education and other issues, I feel that Agawam needs Fred Nardi as our First Mayor, and to lead us through this major change in government.

Richard J. Dudek
Former School Business Manager - and parent
55 Forest Road
Agawam

Attacks On Johnson's Manager Unfair & Unfounded

To The Editor:

Mr. Nardi has run out of things to say about Chris Johnson and has begun attacking his campaign manager - Patrick Nolan.

Pat has been selling real estate on a part-time basis since 1979. Since that time he has NEVER sold an apartment complex and has sold only two condominiums. Mr. Nardi described Pat as a real estate agent working for a company that specializes in the sale of apartments and condominiums.

The fact of the matter is that Pat is a real estate broker working with a firm that specializes in the sale of single-family homes. Additionally, Pat owns his own carpet cleaning business.

Mr. Nardi, for you to imply that Pat would use his association with Chris Johnson for personal gain is not true.

Pat, like Chris Johnson, is a lifelong resident of Agawam. He is a homeowner, married, and is the father of a seven year-old daughter. Anyone who knows Pat will agree that he is an honest, hardworking man with unblemished integrity. His only interest in this campaign is to make Agawam a better place to live.

Pat Nolan IS NOT interested in a political position, either elected or appointed, should Chris Johnson become our mayor.

Mr. Nardi, why do you continue to make personal attacks against your opponent - and now his campaign manager. Perhaps you are not aware of the fact that there are honest people whose interest in politics is not self-serving, but what is best for our town. This describes Patrick Nolan.

Sincerely,
Cherie Nolan
Feeding Hills



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Residents Who Attend Wake Upset At Johnson Supporters

To The Editor:

We attended a wake for a 23 year-old man, whose mother is a dear friend of ours and it was a terrible ordeal for all of us.

When we were leaving the parking lot of Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Christopher Johnson's supporters were directly across the street from the exit at the Public Library. They saw us leaving and yet they still whistled and shouted as they are always doing all over town! We feel this was uncalled for.

It was rude, disrespectful, and in the poorest judgment we have ever encountered. What kind of people could campaign at the wake of a young man? We feel everyone who attended the wake was appalled and outraged by the lack of class shown by these campaign people.

Our town government has been the laughing stock of Massachusetts for years. We are sure nothing will change if Johnson is elected. Birds of a feather flock together.

We were told the reason that they were at the library was because there was a Town Council meeting and they wanted to use the opportunity to campaign.

Well, apparently they have not noticed that the council meetings are held **ACROSS** the street—not at a funeral home.

One more item to note—there was not one Nardi sign to be seen. Could it be that Mr. Nardi has more respect than to use every opportunity to rub our faces in the Mayoral race! Enough is enough.

Some of us were Johnson supporters. Others were for Mr. Nardi. Some were unsure. All now are very sure that we do not want a man as Mayor who cannot control his supporters' actions.

Rosemary Richardson
Christine Hanna
Susan Menard
Donald F. Hanna
Elaine Driscoll

Woman Voter Defends Her Candidate's Vote On Manager

To The Editor:

In response to last week's editorial letter from an "upset woman voter," she and the entire town should be made aware of the facts.

When Linda Mundo was hired as acting Town Manager, she earned an annual salary of \$29,000 which, upon becoming acting Town Manager, was raised \$16,000 to an annual salary of \$45,000. Chris Johnson felt that this increase was substantial enough considering she lacked the educational and job-related experience that Reid Charles had. When Fred Messier was hired as acting Town Manager, he also was given an EQUAL \$16,000 raise, from \$38,000 to \$54,000.

Seeing the figures, it is quite obvious that Mr. Johnson is treating both sexes equally. He is not guilty of discrimination of any kind. Attorney Johnson will provide excellent leadership to the town and its residents without discrimination of any kind.

Nancy Dionne
Feeding Hills

Young Rookie Councilor Can't Possibly Lead Agawam

To The Editor:

I find myself greatly alarmed with the prospect that some people in Agawam are prepared to vote for a young rookie councilor in an attempt to bring about a change in Agawam's government.

The fact that we are electing a mayor for the first time in the town's history, certainly indicates to me that the town is making a change. To make this important change worthwhile, it certainly is important to put the most experienced, and best qualified man in the job.

The same salary is going to be paid to an experienced man as to an inexperienced man. I always try to get the most I can for my money. With the poor conditions of our state and federal budgets, I daresay we are in for some very hard times ahead. With little hope of financial help from state and federal budgets, we need the most experienced man to manage our town's finances. Politics is a fact of life in America as it has been for the last 200 plus years.

I find it hard to believe that people can be so naive as to think that the election of a young politically and commercially immature person is going to result in any form of positive change. Two years from now I would still like to maintain, if not improve, my quality of life in Agawam. Without experienced leadership, we all stand to lose a great deal. I want the most for my tax dollars; I won't settle for tin when I can have steel for the same money.

Joseph Uchneat
Feeding Hills

Do You Want Government By Deception?

To The Editor:

As I stated in my last few letters, in my opinion, Mr. Nardi's campaign has been one of gross DECEPTION. Could this be a preview of what to expect if he should be elected Mayor?

One would have expected a Town Councilor serving for 17 years to show some initiative and leadership in the town and would have presented several constructive proposals that could have made AGAWAM A BETTER place to live, but he didn't.

Mr. Nardi is almost 70 years-old and CLAIMS to have years of business experience; he hasn't shown it as a councilor. Ask yourself - what has he done for Agawam? Where has he been for the last 17 years?

It has been interesting watching his campaign. He claims he will do so much if elected, but he has had that opportunity for 17 years and we have seen the results, NOTHING!

The only thing the Town of Agawam has seen of his experience has been a campaign of DECEPTION and MUDSLINGING toward his opponent and others.

I think Agawam deserves better and it is time for a change and only you the voters can make it happen on May 2nd.

Peter Longo
Former Town Councilor
WHO WAS THERE

Town Must Revert To New Image With Chris Johnson

To The Editor:

Christopher Johnson has already earned my vote on May 2nd, as he has demonstrated that he is committed towards working in the best interests of the town. Mr. Johnson has run an issues-oriented campaign, unlike his opponent, who would rather skirt the issues and specialize in character assassination. Mr. Nardi said he was going to run a positive campaign, and that his "word is his bond." Well, this bond is obviously not a very strong one.

I am also impressed that Mr. Johnson collected signatures for a citizen's petition to stop the jail from coming to Agawam. And while Mr. Johnson voted for the organization of a task force to stop the jail, Mr. Nardi voted against it. I remind the voters that with the sewage treatment plant and incinerator, Agawam has already become a regional dumping ground. We don't need a jail, but we do need a mayor like Mr. Johnson who is serious on this issue.

Mr. Nardi has been hacking away at Mr. Johnson for wanting to use competitive bidding on the selection of a group to remove asbestos from our schools. I find this amusing, as Mr. Nardi has advocated the use of competitive bidding in his "business experience" advertisements. Is competitive bidding the exclusive property of Mr. Nardi? Or is he upset because Mr. Johnson has used sound financial techniques?

This town does not need the double-talk that accompanies "traditional" Agawam politics. We need change. We need respect. We need Christopher Johnson as mayor.

Sincerely,
Anna Piliero
Agawam

Supporter Believes Johnson Can Change Agawam

To The Editor:

What's Going On!

Mr. Nardi can guarantee money to keep the teachers from being dismissed??

Mr. Nardi knows whom to contact and receive money no one else can??

Mr. Nardi knows contacts to make to solve all our problems??

Mr. Nardi knows whose doors to knock on??

Seems to me a little investigating is in order.

If Mr. Nardi has the **good** of Agawam in his heart, why hasn't he done any thing up to now?

What rash promises has he made unbeknownst to us and to whom?

It smacks of some more of the dirty dealing politics we've got to abolish.

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11 Beech Hill Road
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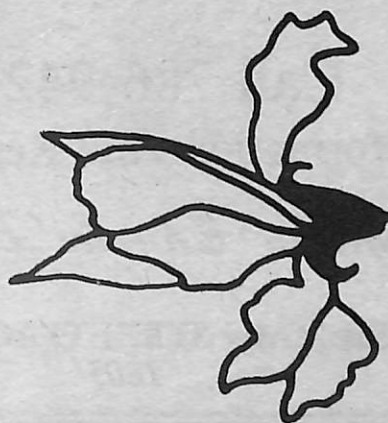
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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Johnson Has Run An Honest And Issues-Oriented Campaign

To The Editor:

First, I congratulate those citizens of Agawam who exercised their right to vote for the Mayoral candidate of their choice. But, I especially applaud those who had the insight to support Attorney Christopher C. Johnson.

The overwhelming margin of his victory (41 percent of the voters) clearly indicated that the people of Agawam were indeed ready for a drastic change in town politics and were willing to rally behind a very bright and very capable candidate. With the margin so obvious, they have clearly sent an unmistakable message to the officials, in that they must be solely accountable and take full responsibility for their past actions and comments, and rightfully so for most assuredly those deeds will surface to haunt them in the future. Those in the political limelight must tread very cautiously.

At the forum, Attorney Johnson stated before all that he would never want to embarrass Agawam or its people. He ran an honest and clean primary campaign epitomizing the type of pride we should expect to spread throughout this community should he become Agawam's first Mayor.

In my opinion, Christopher Johnson would bring to the office of Mayor a trust and concern never before experienced to such a degree in Agawam politics. He seemed sincerest in his desire to work directly with the people and attend to their needs.

This Western Massachusetts town has the right to shape and control its own future with respect to development and other environmental issues. The right of every citizen for a government controlled "of the people, by the people, for the people" was guaranteed decades ago. Agawam has no place for political self-gratification.

What makes this election even more important, is that it will be the first Mayoral election to take place. It must pave the way for strong and dedicated candidates in the years to come. Otherwise, we have again lost. We, therefore, must be very careful when we cast our ballot. This is hardly the time to win the battle...but, lose the war. **WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT.** Your vote is **MOST IMPORTANT.**

Those supporting Christopher Johnson, I believe have truly envisioned a "new" Agawam for themselves and their heirs. I would hope that the same enthusiasm exhibited at the primary will prevail in the voting booth on May 2nd. And to all voters I say, please think carefully before you pull that lever. Now is definitely the time for Agawam to move ahead with pride.

Raymond R. Moreau
1245 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills

Nardi's Vote On Asbestos Did Not Show Experience

To The Editor:

Mr. Nardi says he has the business experience to run this town and manage our budget. But, he voted to accept the one and only bid to remove asbestos from the schools.

To me, someone with good business experience would take three or four bids and then vote on the one bid that would do the best job at the cheapest price. In doing so the town council might have saved money.

The money saved could have then been transferred to the school budget in order to lower the impact of the state funding cuts. That, to me, would have been good business experience. That is what Chris Johnson tried to do.

We'll never know if that cost would have been cut or not; will we Mr. Nardi?

Nancy Dionne
Feeding Hills

Nardi English Scholarship Announced



THE FRÉDERICK & DOROTHEA NARDI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP begins this year and will continue into the future. The scholarship will be awarded to an Agawam High School post-graduate or undergraduate who is majoring in English or plans to teach English. Fred Nardi gave this generous endowment when he retired from Sweet Life Foods, naming it in honor of his wife Dorothea's dedicated teaching of English in the Agawam School System from 1942 to the present. Information and applications for this year's scholarship may be obtained from the Guidance Department at Agawam High School. Pictured above are the Nardis, Dorothea and Frederick. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nardi's Campaign Ads Show Disregard For Non-Owners

To The Editor:

Did I wake up in the plantation south of 200 years ago, or did Fred Nardi recently state "only older, wealthy homeowners should have the right to govern"? While he may not have said it directly, his campaign ads leave little doubt to their intent.

I am 29 years-old, self-employed, and my income exceeds the Mayor's salary. I also do not own a home in town. Just because someone does not own a home, it doesn't mean they have no tax burden. My post-deduction tax burden was in excess of \$5,000. Due to various deductibles home ownership is partially subsidized by the Federal Government, thus relieving homeowners of their true taxable income.

If Chris Johnson chooses to live at home, it's his right; besides who's to say more young people shouldn't stay involved with their families and dedicate themselves to a life of public service.

For the sake of Fred Nardi's political future, I would like to believe his campaign ads are shallow attempts by some anonymous committee to practice the same "Old Time Politics" that have made Agawam the governmental laughing stock of the Pioneer Valley. Our votes are for Chris Johnson. We deserve more than the same old song and dance.

Sincerely,
Peter A. Bonavita
950 North Street Extension
Feeding Hills

Those Tearing-Up My Signs Should Please Stop

To The Editor:

To the Fred Nardi supporter(s) who keep tearing up my Chris Johnson signs: please stop.

I don't go on your lawn to tear up your sign, but I suspect you'd get pretty upset if I did. As a Johnson supporter, I respect your right to display your opinion. I certainly hope Fred Nardi respects others' opinions better than some of his supporters do.

Sincerely,
Fred Rosenberg

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, May 4, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of **SILVERADO DEVELOPMENT CORP.** who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 25 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as **HENDOM DRIVE**, said lot located 457 feet distant from the corner of **SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET**.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald E. LaRiviere, Chairman

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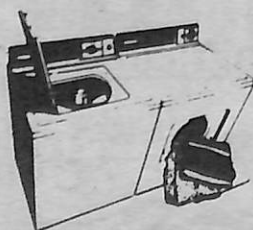
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Agawam Crime Watch...

Project D.A.R.E.

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

June is just around the corner and with it will come the completion of the second full year of our involvement with the school system.

The present sixth grade class at the Middle School will be moving on to the Junior High School and the true test of Project D.A.R.E. will be at hand. I have confidence in these kids and in their abilities and judgment. They have all the knowledge and tools necessary to deal with peer pressure and survive in our drug-oriented society.

Officer Richard Niles and myself will continue to be involved with them through these important years and they will know that we are here for them whenever they need advice or just someone to listen.

The best aspect of Project D.A.R.E. is that it is not a one-shot or one-year deal. So many programs come and go and merely go through the motions in an attempt to make an impression. The main reason for their failure is the lack of support, followup, and continuity.

We must do more than hang-up signs and disseminate lip service if we are to be successful in

teaching our children to "Just Say No."

I have been asked over the past few weeks if the D.A.R.E. program is in danger of being cut from the School Budget. My answer is no because we are not a specific item or amount within that budget. The Police Department maintains responsibility for the salary of Officer Niles and myself, while the School Department supplies space, cooperation of the teachers and staff, and equipment for use within the schools.

While the School Department has helped-out with paper supplies and funds when they were available, the D.A.R.E. program is almost entirely dependent on donations solicited through business, and private and civic organizations.

Recently, the Agawam Lions Club, Clark School PTO, Robinson School PTO, and the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1459 have donated money for D.A.R.E.

Each of these organizations have donated previously and must take at least partial credit for the success of the program to date. Fundraising takes time and effort and more often than not takes time away from the kids.

This Sunday, April 30th, UNICO will be sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of Project D.A.R.E.** It is anticipated that enough money will be raised to keep the program going through next year. The members of UNICO have worked hard to set-up this fundraiser and see to it that it is successful.

It is my hope and the hope of all the kids that the people of Agawam will come in large numbers to show their support for Project D.A.R.E.

The kids have made posters and they have been placed all over town in different businesses for display. Officer Niles and myself will be there all day with a drug display, as well as answers to any questions parents may have about the program or the drug problems we face every day.

UNICO and Project D.A.R.E. hope to see you at the Agawam High School this Sunday, April 30th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please come and be part of a very important event.

Last Week's Agawam Police Blotter!!!

On April 17th, **Ronald L. Kirkpatrick**, 64 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani, Mark Poggi, and Joe Edwards.

On April 17th, **Eric W. Reynolds**, 27 Larchwood Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and larceny. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini and Keith Bopko.

On April 17th, **Matthew A. Balboni**, 25 Ohio Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and larceny. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini and Keith Bopko.

On April 17th, **Frederick W. Baker, Jr.**, 349 Dewey Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and larceny. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini, Walter Zymroz, and Keith Bopko.

On April 18th, **Shawn Howard**, 1190 River Road,

Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating with a junior driver's license after 1:00 a.m. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini, Mark Poggi, and Keith Bopko.

On April 18th, **Thomas Wilbon**, 146 Sanderson Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Richard Curry.

On April 18th, **Daisy Mestre**, 28 Oswego Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Brian Connor.

On April 18th, **Colleen Kavanaugh**, 132 Jackson Road, West Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Eric Camerlin.

On April 19th, **Gary A. Gwynn**, 708 Main Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery, operating after suspension,

operating to endanger, and operating an unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle. Arresting officers were Detective Sergeant Kenneth Grady, Detective Peter Bertera, Richard Light, Jr., and Mark Poggi.

On April 20th, **Kerry P. Carnevale**, 282 Commonwealth Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Lonco and Gary O'Brien.

On April 20th, **David R. Parris**, 793 Carew Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak and Karen Langevin.

On April 20th, **Alan L. Gendron**, 3B Castle Hills, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Light and Mark Poggi.

SEE POLICE BLOTTER - Page 19...

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CROP Hunger Walk Set For May 7th At AHS

On Sunday, May 7th, at 2:00 p.m., people from West Springfield and Agawam will gather at the Agawam High School parking lot for the Annual CROP Hunger Walk.

Agawam had a 23 percent increase last year and raised \$11,288. Agawam has always placed in the top 10 in Massachusetts for raising Hunger Walk monies. With the addition of West Springfield people, they should be near the top.

Each walker has sponsor sheets and is asking relatives, friends, and neighbors for donations. All Agawam, Feeding Hills, and West Springfield churches have walker forms. If you are not affiliated with one of these churches, or would like to walk as a club function, call Bob Broga (during the day) 781-6110, or evenings, 786-7720, for more information.

Again this year the committee is asking area businesses to help by sending a check, made out to

C.W.S. CROP and mail it to Perry McCobb, 20 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, or call Perry, 786-5078, and he will be glad to pick it up. Also it would help if businesses in the area would allow the committee to place posters in their windows for a few weeks.

Last year \$1,360 was given to each of the Open Pantries in West Springfield and Springfield. That represents 25 percent of the monies collected.

Many people in the world are not as fortunate as you. This is truly the land of plenty. What CROP Walk is all about is sharing what we have with others.

Again this year, Paul Sutton, Channel 40 weatherman, says that he'll walk with the group. Perhaps others in radio, television, or town officials will open their hearts in this very worthy cause and come join in the fun May 7th.



LEGAL LINES

by Attorney
Rene Thomas

Must I Give The Ring Back?

QUESTION: I have broken off my engagement with my fiance. He now demands that I return to him the engagement ring which was quite expensive. Must I return the ring?

ANSWER: The answer to this question depends upon the circumstances under which the ring was given. If the ring was given to you as a conditional gift, that is the gift of the ring is conditioned upon entering into a valid marriage, then the ring must be returned to the gift giver - your fiance. If the engagement was ended by mutual agreement between you and your fiance or the girls ends the engagement unilaterally, the ring belongs to the gift giver. If the man causes the engagement to break up, he is not entitled to the return of the ring.

If the ring was given to you as an unconditional gift, such as on a birthday or at Christmas, then there is no right to the return of the ring.

POLICE BLOTTER - From Page 18...

On April 21st, **Shawn Howard**, 1190 River Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On April 22nd, **Bryant R. Hanks**, 26 Edendale Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Robert Marsh.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chapter 20, Sec. 11-16 "Limitation of Licenses"

The total number of Class II dealer licenses issued under MGL Chapter 140, Sec. 58 and 59 at any one time shall be no more than forty (40).

To be amended as follows:

TOR-89-3

Chapter 20, Sec. 11-16 "Limitation of Licenses"

The total number of Class II dealer licenses issued under MGL Chapter 140, Sec. 58 and 59 at any one time shall be no more than thirty-five (35).

Ursula Retzler

Town Council Clerk

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building Annex, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of **DOMINIC DIDONATO** who is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 11 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a duplex housing unit on the premises identified as 242 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald E. LaRiviere, Chairman

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Families

UNICO Pancakes To Benefit D.A.R.E. On Sun., April 30th

On April 30th, Agawam UNICO will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Agawam's D.A.R.E. program. Unlike most fundraisers that benefit certain groups or individuals, the D.A.R.E. breakfast will benefit the entire Town of Agawam. Every citizen, taxpayer, and business in Agawam is, either directly or indirectly, affected by drug and substance abuse. Because of the importance of D.A.R.E. and its success in preventing drug abuse among our schoolchildren, the members of Agawam UNICO chose to donate all the receipts from its Annual Pancake Breakfast to the D.A.R.E. program.

The success of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is based upon educating our children to the dangers and pitfalls of drug use. The program, which is included in the Middle school curriculum, teaches our kids about avoiding drugs while they are at the age of understanding but before they reach the age where they are most susceptible to drug use. The students are shown in an open and honest way why tobacco, alcohol, medication, and dope abuse are harmful to them and those around them. They are also shown the adverse effects that substance abuse has on the drug users' family and community. Most importantly, the student is taught and shown ways to overcome temptation and peer pressure and to simply say "NO."

The D.A.R.E. program is considered to be the most effective drug abuse prevention program available, yet unfortunately no town funds are used for its operation. Even though the importance and success of this program are widely praised in all areas of government and law enforcement, only money donated by the general public keeps the program going.

Therefore, the members of UNICO hope that the citizens of Agawam will be concerned enough for their

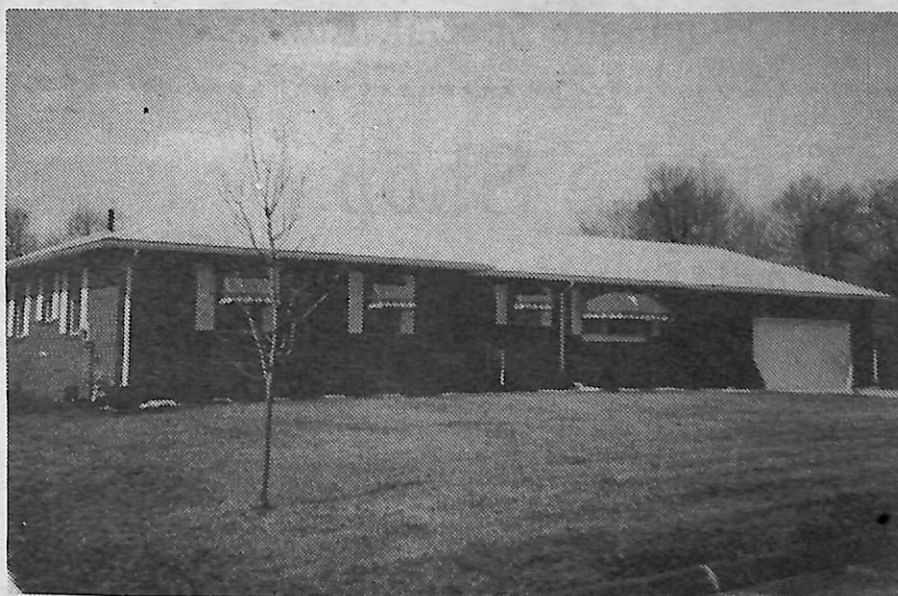


MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS for this Sunday's Agawam UNICO/Project D.A.R.E. Pancake Breakfast at the Agawam High School. Seated - Peter Forastiere (chairman), Richard Forni (club president), and Thomas Russo. Back row - Officer Wayne Macey, Fred Wjonarowicz, John Mercadante, Tom Goodrow, and Officer Rick Niles. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

children and community to attend the D.A.R.E. benefit.

The benefit will take place Sunday, April 30th, at Agawam High School, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 for adults from any Unican, members of the Police Department, many local businesses, or at the door.

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4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

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Agawam Repertory Theatre
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Moses Theatre, West Springfield
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Saturday, May 13th
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Saturday, May 13th
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Native Anne Sullivan Deserves A Memorial In Feeding Hills

Spirit Of A Native Daughter Returns To Feeding Hills

Most subscribers to *The AAN* might have noticed that for the past several weeks the local newspaper has carried articles devoted to the efforts and subsequent goal of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, Inc.

The purpose of this committee is dedicated to the commemoration of Agawam native Anne Sullivan (Macy), who was born in Feeding Hills in 1866 and in time, went on to become the internationally famous "teacher" to Helen Keller.

Thanks to our friend and neighbor, **Roberta Cesan** of North West Street, Feeding Hills, we were made aware of the fact that although many residents know the background of Anne Sullivan, it is possible that there are those people who do not know of Annie's association with our town and village.

Roberta suggested that we might do an article on this famous individual prior to the committee's all-out drive to acquire the necessary funds for the proposed sculpture of Anne and Helen to be located on the old village parade grounds in Feeding Hills (next to Granger School).

During the following weeks we shall offer a series of stories dealing with Anne Sullivan and the efforts of the Memorial Committee to date.

Hopefully, these articles will provide a greater incentive for everyone to participate in this townwide drive for financial contributions to a memorial that will add to the cultural beauty and history of our town and village.

"Promises To Keep..."

At this time we would like to pay due homage to the members of the Sullivan Memorial Committee, who have devoted countless hours of time and effort toward making this memorial a complete success.

All of the committee members are town residents (who have served our town and village throughout the years in a variety of civic-minded projects): Members are **Marilyn Curry**, (chairwoman) **Rosalie Walsh**, **Ann & Rick Bellico**, **Jim Loomis**, **David Cecchi**, **Dorothy Plante**, **Kay Lancour** (a descendent of Anne Sullivan), **Ray Olson**, **Frank Disco**, **Ruth Zucco**, and **Dan Lacienski**.

It should be noted that David Cecchi is responsible for the Anne Sullivan logo for the campaign. The logo is an artist's portrayal of the statue by sculptor Mico Kaufman.

It should also be noted that on Friday evening, June 16th, 1989, a piano concert will be presented by Dr. Jacqueline Charest, professor of Music at the University of Lowell and author of a biography on Debussy, soon to be released. The price for tickets is \$3 per person, with all proceeds going to the memorial enterprise. The program is limited to only 300 people, and will be held at the Agawam Baptist Church on Main Street.

A Word About The Sculptor

It would be impossible to acknowledge a complete resume of sculptor Mico Kaufman's life or artistic accomplishments. Without doubt, the day will come when Kaufman will have his biography published, and rightfully so, since Kaufman has a story that would interest everyone!

Although far better tribute has been paid to this man of international acclaim, we feel it important that local residents be aware of the greatness of the artist who will present our town and village with its first public artwork.

In our opinion, let it suffice to say that Agawam and Feeding Hills has the distinction of owning a sculpture that not only represents a tribute to a native resident, but also a piece of art that has been created by a man destined to become one of those few artistic giants. More coverage will be presented by the news media as the project progresses.

Kaufman is world-famous for his artistic accomplishments. Most recently, he was personally recognized by the President and the First Lady for his creation of the official Presidential medallion in honor of President George Bush.

It should be of interest to note that the bronze statue intended for Agawam/Feeding Hills portrays Annie and Helen Keller depicting Annie's first breakthrough in Helen's recognition of the word "Water."

The larger-than-life sculpture is appropriately named "Water!"

This will be the fourth casting of the statue. The first three pieces are now located in France, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, and Tusculum, Alabama (home of Helen Keller). **PART II NEXT WEEK.**

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. John's

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will gather in St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, May 5th from 9:00 p.m. through Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m., May 6th.

Father Karl Huller opens the event with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament.

Members recite evening and morning prayers, in both private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting Father Huller are Robert T. Sullivan, chairman of St. John's membership, and Edward R. Hamel, group leader.

Membership is open to all Catholic men, women, boys and girls to provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony, "Watch with me..." and to make its members witnesses of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Prospective members may contact Father Huller, Robert Sullivan, Richard Rieker, or William Koob.

The all-night vigil is open to all who wish to spend an hour of private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Agawam Lions Club Slates Antique & Classic Car Show

The Agawam Lions Club is holding an Antique & Classic Car Show and Swap Meet at Riverside Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 7th.

The show will feature the other fundraiser for their "Journey For Sight" project. At 3:00 p.m., they will draw the winner of their sold-out raffle which features a choice of \$12,000 cash, a 1989 F-150 Ford Pick-up truck from Sarat Ford, or a 1989 Eagle Summit from DePalma AMC-Jeep.

The committee has worked hard to provide the car owners, vendors, and viewing public with a fine show. General admission is \$2, with children under 10 free. Car owners pay \$5 to display their classics and are eligible for trophies and prizes. Refreshments will be available.

All proceeds from the Annual Journey for Sight project are donated to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. by the various local clubs at their State Convention to be held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on May 19th-21st.

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ON TUESDAY, April 18th, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1459 held a Stewards Seminar at the Sheraton in West Springfield. Guest Speaker was Agawam D.A.R.E. Officer Wayne Macey (right). Presenting the check to Macey was UFCW Local President Richard Abdow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jim & Arlene Lane Announce Birth Of Son, Gregory

Jim & Arlene Lane of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Gregory Donald, born March 18th at Wesson Women's. Gregory weighed 10 pounds, 7½ ounces, and was 23 inches long.

Welcoming Gregory home was proud big brother, Bryan, 1½.

Maternal grandparents are Rita Allen of Agawam and Philip Allen of Indian Orchard. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allen of Springfield.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lane of Westfield. Paternal great-grandmother is Mary Lane of West Springfield.

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Community Grange 382 Invites Public To May 2nd Meeting

The public is invited to an open meeting in the Community Grange Hall, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., for a special program by Community Grange 382.

The Grange will honor Roberta Doering that evening and present her with the Community Citizen's Award. This is given to her for her long and faithful service to our town and its people.

Entertainment will be performed by a young people's dance group from West Springfield.

The Grange will present its profits made at the Tag & Bake Sale on Saturday, April 22nd, to Marilyn Curry for the Anne Sullivan Memorial Fund. Social hour and refreshments will follow the program.

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Agawam Obituaries

Harry A. Cressotti

Harry A. Cressotti, 67, of 106 Mill Street, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital. He was a former terminal manager for New York Central Transportation Company of West Springfield. He retired in 1976.

Born in Springfield, he was a 35-year resident of Agawam. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a graduate of the High School of Commerce. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, graduating from the Randolph Cadet School, Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. He served in the United States as a pilot trainer. He was a former member of the 104th Air National Guard at Barnes Airport.

He leaves his wife, Doris A. Albano; a son, James A. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Jane E. Fazio of Agawam, and Jean A. Cressotti of Feeding Hills; a brother, Stanley of Springfield; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Frederick R. Haynes

The funeral for Frederick R. Haynes, 23, of Sharpburg, North Carolina, formerly of 377 North Street, Feeding Hills, who died as the result of a car accident in Sharpburg, was at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. He was a construction worker.

Born in Chicopee, he was a former longtime resident of Agawam, and moved to North Carolina three years ago. He attended Agawam High School.

He leaves his wife, Shirl Haynes of Sharpburg; a son, Christopher, at home; his father, Frederick Haynes, Sr. of Sharpburg; his mother, Rosemary (Juliano) Richardson of Agawam; his stepfather, Ronald Richardson of Agawam; a sister, Jennifer Shearin of Spring Hope, North Carolina; his paternal grandparents, James & Alberta Jones of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and maternal grandparents, Fred & Mary Juliano of Agawam.

Antonio D'Aiuto

Antonio D'Aiuto, 89, of 26 Begley Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He was the owner of the former Twin Oaks Restaurant and Lounge. He founded the business in the early 1920's and operated until his retirement in 1955.

Born in Italy, he came to the United States in 1905, and was a 70-year resident of Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Sophie Peltz; a son, Anthony F. of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; three daughters, Madeline R. Catania of Agawam, Barbara A. Coughlin of Feeding Hills, and Rose M. Bishop of Shadyside, Maryland; a sister, Rose D'Aiuto of Agawam, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Zepherena M. LaRiviere

Zepherena M. (LaFramboise) LaRiviere, 90, of 502 North West Street, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Holyoke, she was a longtime resident of Feeding Hills. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Rosary Altar Society.

She leaves her husband, Dewey L. LaRiviere; three sons, Roger of Union City, California, Richard of Southwick, and Edward of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Dolores Finsen of Southwick; nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Southwick Funeral Home, with burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, South Hadley, at the convenience of the family.

Anne Crossett

Anne (Wilkinson) Crossett, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 20-year manager of the sheet music department of the former F.S. Kresge's Department Store, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1961.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she had lived in Feeding Hills 45 years and taught piano in the Agawam and Springfield areas. She was a member of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Her husband, Edward M. Crossett, died in 1972.

She leaves two nephews, Erwin Wilkinson of Linwood, New Jersey, and Warner Wilkinson of Wilton, Connecticut.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 35 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Donna L. James

Donna L. (Tessman) James, 45, of 832 North West Street, Feeding Hills, a former 10-year machine operator for Rex Chainbelt Company of Springfield, died at home.

Born in Hartford, she was graduated from Hartford High School in 1960. She moved to Agawam in 1961.

She leaves her husband, Robert W. James; two sons, Steven of Springfield and Robert of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Pamela James of Belchertown; three sisters, Ivah London of Jupiter, Florida, Ruth Dickey of Hartford, and Anna Gesswin of Windsor, Connecticut.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

William F. Myers, Jr.

William F. Myers, Jr., 66, of Agawam, a retired 30-year sales representative for the Sears, Roebuck & Company, died in Hialeah Hospital, Hialeah, Florida. He had been visiting his mother, Bertha Myers of Miami Springs.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II serving aboard the USS Jenkins.

Besides his mother, he leaves a son, William F. III of Agawam; two brothers, Joseph and Paul, both of Miami Springs, and a sister, Gretchen Johnson of Miami Springs.

The funeral was held in Blessed Trinity Church with burial in Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, both in Miami Springs. The Low Hanks Funeral Home, Hialeah, was in charge.

Ewa Bandaruk Szaban

Ewa (Molyn) Bandaruk Szaban, 93, of 332 Rowley Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

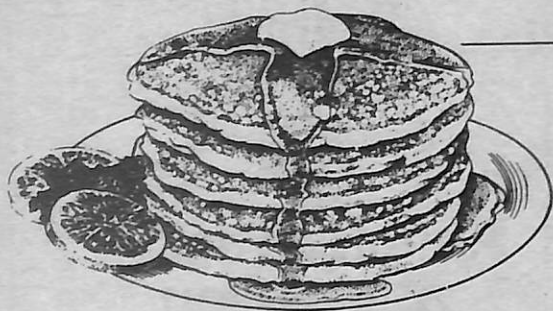
Born in Austria, she lived in the Springfield area several years, and was a member of the Senior Citizens of Agawam. Her husband, Frank Szaban, died in 1977.

She leaves a daughter, Olga Stachowicz; a stepson, Stephen Szaban of Granby; a son-in-law, Henry W. Lucas, with whom she made her home; two stepdaughters, Kathryn Kalita of Springfield, and Anna Dupont of Jamaica, Vermont, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, with burial in Island Pond Cemetery, Ludlow.

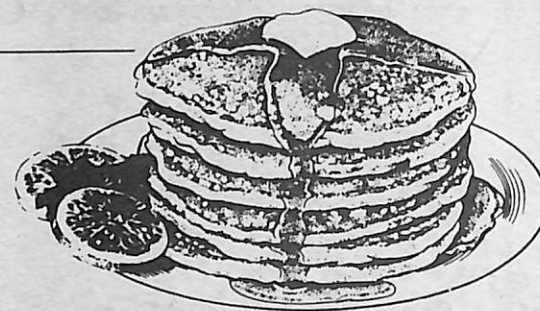
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Agawam Public Library To Show Work Of William Hilton

In May the Agawam Public Library will present a special memorial exhibit of the work of commercial artist William (Will) D. Hilton.

Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, Hilton graduated from Bradford Technical School. He apprenticed with a British lithographer, studied at Brussels Academy of Art, Belgium, and attended Pratt Institute in New York. He also participated in the Great Artists curriculum.

Hilton was a sergeant in the British Royal Marines. He served in Egypt, Greece, India, France, Turkey, and the North Sea. Following World War I he worked at the Indian Motorcycle Company. His design of the Indian Scout emblem was the award winner. His original drawings of the Hampden County Memorial Bridge are housed at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

Hilton enjoyed an excellent reputation in letterhead advertising, and black-and-white lettering, an art that is now almost lost and forgotten. He was noted for the detailed work in his dry-point etchings, watercolors, pen and ink drawings, and pencil drawings. Dry point etchings of local subjects grace the walls of the main dining room of the Student Prince Restaurant in Springfield.

Other emblems he designed were the Heinz 57 pickle jar, and the original Peter Paul Mounds Bar wrapper.

His reputation as a water colorist and etcher won him wide recognition throughout the east. He has exhibited in many national shows, and his work is in many private collections. He was a member of the Springfield Art League.

This exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library is closed Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day.

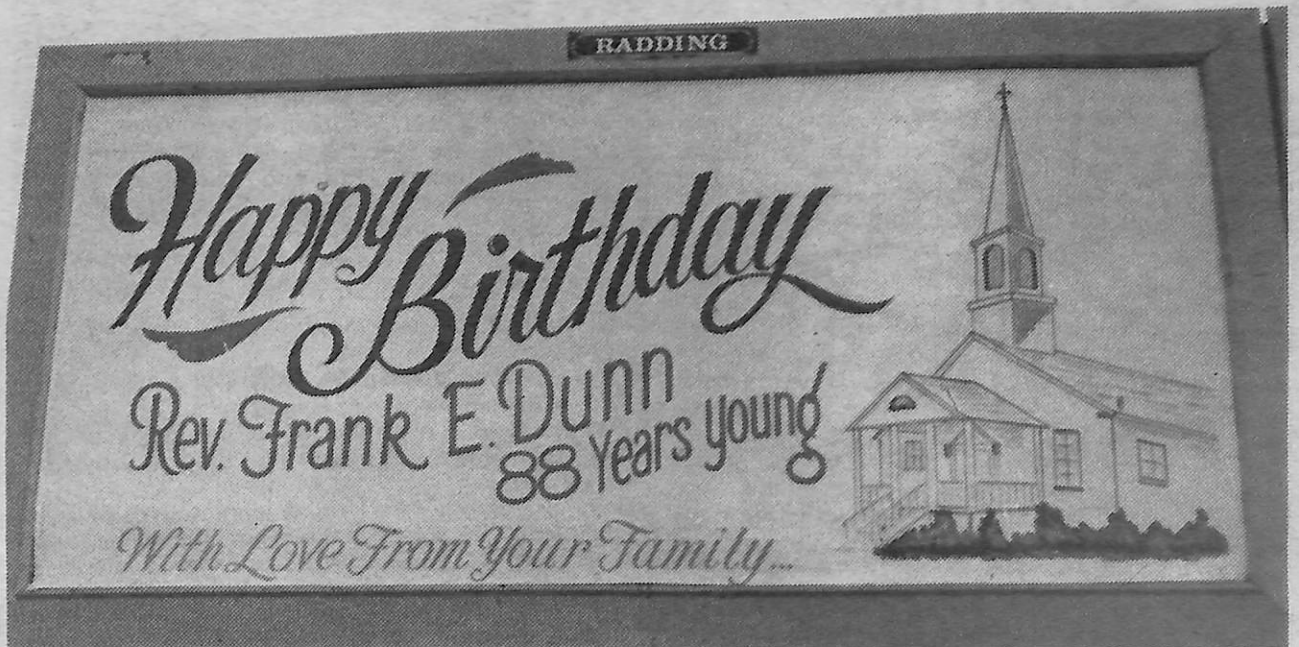
Army Pvt. Guy Zambrano Arrives For Duty In Georgia

Army Private 1st Class Guy Zambrano, son of Thomas J. Zambrano of 57 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, has arrived for duty at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Zambrano is a fighting vehicle infantryman with the 19th Infantry.

He is a 1979 graduate of Greenwich High School, Connecticut.

Rev. Frank E. Dunn Celebrates 88th Birthday



FORMER VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH pastor, Reverend Frank E. Dunn, recently celebrated his 88th birthday. Rev. Dunn's family decided that only a billboard on Springfield Street, between Amanda's Restaurant and Sliech Auto Body, would suit the occasion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Loyalty Circle 356 To Host Blue Army Speaker May 3

Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella, will have Miss Mena D'eCarvalho, member of the World Apostolate of Fatima, also known as The Blue Army, as their guest speaker on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., at Knights of Columbus Hall, Park Avenue, West Springfield.

Miss Mena will show slides and speak on the Message of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Chairwoman for the evening will be Edna Sheridan.

The refreshment committee consists of Dorothy Caldon, Patricia Rivest, Margaret Seigal, and Catherine Carney.

Regent Janet Wysocki will preside over a short business meeting.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Supper May 13th

Operation Friendship Chapter of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program, will hold a Roast Beef Supper, Saturday, May 13th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the church.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children, and under five free.

Proceeds from the supper will be used toward hosting a German Operation Friendship Chapter this summer.

Reservations can be made by calling Pat Daubney, 789-0348, Sue Mueller, 789-1757 (evenings), or Kathy Rose, 786-0195 (evenings).

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Heritage Hall Campus News & Activities

A Day At The Petting Zoo!

Heritage Hall South was very excited that the Petting Zoo was coming to their building.

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Many of the residents fondly remembered animals from their days on the farm. Several of the residents had raised rabbits, and eagerly asked questions to Mrs. Charolette Melbourne about age and breed.

The big surprise was the appearance of two one-week old goats. They came equipped with their leashes, and walked around enthusiastically greeting many of the residents by wagging their tails.

Throughout the facility, residents were visited by the animals.

Everyone at Heritage Hall South enjoyed the Petting Zoo!

Thank-you Charolette Melbourne, Kristen Melbourne, Adam Blair, Jacob Blair, and Amanda Blair.

It's Magic

Joe Bongiovanni had the full attention of his audience. By the end of his performance, he had them enraptured!

The adults enjoyed a double treat, watching Joe and the youngsters who thought they had every trick figured out, only to find themselves baffled time after time!

What a delight to be carried away to a world of make-believe.

The Hurricane Of 1938

by Richard Ryder

"In September of 1938, I was working as a manager of a wholesale auto parts store in New London, Connecticut. As the day wore on, the heavy rain and high winds started to be of much concern to me. I had a wife and two small children at home. Naturally, I was very worried about them. I tried phoning home and found out that all the telephone lines were down. I was really concerned."

"New London is famous for its beautiful elm trees. As I was approaching home, one of those trees fell across the hood of my pick-up truck. I could go neither forward or backward and had no alternative but to walk a mile!"

"When I got home, I found that my six month-old house had almost all the shingles blown off the roof. I rushed in to find that my wife had taken herself and our children to the cellar. They were all safely under the stairs."

"After supper, when things had calmed down a bit, I drove back to the store to survey the damage. I was surprised to find only a cracked window about to fall out. After boarding up the window, I opened up the store. I sold every flashlight battery within the hour, not to mention my entire candle inventory."

"Ocean Beach, a little hot dog stand, ice cream, and loud music, was blown off the map. Sometimes good things will come of bad—the state of Connecticut rebuilt Ocean Beach."



HERITAGE•HALL RESIDENT enjoys the "Petting Zoo" which came to their building.

Public Star-Gazing At Springfield Science Museum

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will be open for public sky-gazing on Friday, May 12th. Members of the Springfield Stars Club will be on hand to operate the 20-inch telescope and help visitors spot the moon, Jupiter, and The Great Hercules Cluster.

About 22,500 light years from earth, the Great Hercules Cluster is a dense globular cluster of stars. At low magnification it appears as a ball of fuzz, but with very clear skies at high magnification, countless stars become visible.

The observatory program will begin at 8:00 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for May 19th. There is a suggested donation of \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children, and free passes to the planetarium will be distributed.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum, 733-1194.

Sons Of Norway Lodge 3-552 Slates Meeting April 28th

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552, will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 18th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Entertainment will be provided by a Barber Shoppe Quartet. Refreshments will follow.

For further information, please contact Mrs. William Cook, 562-1338, or Mrs. Paul Davidson, 562-9674.

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REAL ESTATE

by Ralph Rachele

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Public Library Has PBS Tapes For VCRs

The Agawam Public Library announces the arrival of more than 100 hours of PBS programming, including: "American Playhouse," "Planet Earth," "Nova," "The Jewel in the Crown," and Alistair Cooke's "America," on VHS videocassettes.

This award-winning collection was an outright gift from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Library Video Classics Project—a nationwide project to make the tapes available to public libraries.

"On behalf of the town, the library is extremely grateful to the MacArthur Foundation for this generous grant of high quality educational videos since we could not afford these tapes even with the 90 percent discount price of \$3,000 on our limited budget," said Donna Campbell, Head Librarian.

John E. Corbally, president of the Foundation, states, "Until now, most libraries could usually afford only moderately priced films. Our support is making the best programs in the arts, the sciences, and the humanities available to everyone with a library card."

The growth of libraries circulating videocassettes, the number of VCRs in America's homes, and negotiations with distributors for a volume purchase at a discount made this undertaking feasible.

A program guide to describe the offerings accompanies the videos on display at the library, and all series include complete public performance rights to allow in-library and community group showings. Any citizen aged 18 and over may borrow these and other high quality videos free of charge by signing-up for a free library card.

Other titles included in the series are: "American Short Story," "Civilization," "Life on Earth," "Great Performances," and "The Story of English."

Sylvia Forastiere Guest Lecturer At Elms College

Sylvia R. Forastiere of Springfield has been a guest lecturer at Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee this month as part of the college Living Culture Program. She is teaching a course on "Italy, It's History, It's Culture, It's People." It is part of a three-credit course that is offered.

Mrs. Forastiere is a director at the Italian Cultural Center in Springfield and has long been a promoter and avid worker bringing to the community an awareness of the legacy Italy has brought to the world. She has spoken on the subject at several clubs, church groups, YWCA Luncheon Series, and to students in the Springfield Public School System.

She recently organized and chaired a very successful Festa Italia for the Italian Cultural Center to which an overflow crowd of 1,500 attended from all over Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

In private life, she is the wife of Anthony J. Forastiere, the mother of five and grandmother of nine. She is the treasurer and clerk of the Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam, Southwick Funeral Home in Southwick, and the Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield.

Area Jiffy Lubes Help Open Pantry Program

For the fifth consecutive year, the greater Springfield area Jiffy Lubes will be holding a free car wash week to benefit the Open Pantry Emergency food program. From Monday, May 1st, through Saturday, May 6th, the six Jiffy Lube locations in Springfield, East Longmeadow, West Springfield, Chicopee, Northampton, and Hadley, will give a free car wash, or a \$2 discount on the full-service Jiffy Lube, for a donation of a canned good or other non-perishable food item for the Open Pantry.

Barbara Volker, director of the Open Pantry, says that "the Jiffy Lube free car wash week is the single biggest food collection annually for the Open Pantry, and comes at a time this year, when we are in desperate need of donations."

The Open Pantry is in particular need of high-protein food items like tuna fish, canned meats, and peanut butter, but is grateful for all donations.

Stephen Spinelli, Jr., chairman of the board of the American Oil Change Corporation, owner of the Springfield area Jiffy Lubes notes "this is our fifth year doing the free car wash week for the Open Pantry, and it is without a doubt one of the most enjoyable and satisfying things we do all year. It is amazing how many people bring in bags and boxes full of canned goods for a car wash, when all we're asking for is one canned good. Our customers really respond to the needs of the Open Pantry, and we find that the people really feel good about giving. The Open Pantry is a wonderful little charity, one that doesn't get much notice, and really deserves and appreciates our help, so we're glad to give it."

This year's canned goods drive is cosponsored by WMAS radio which will be broadcasting live from the West Springfield Jiffy Lube on Monday, May 1st on WMAS AM, and on Tuesday, May 2nd, on WMAS FM.

Alfred R. Casella Named To Honor Roll At Suffield Acad.

Eight students were accorded High Honors status and 73 others were named to the Winter Term Academic Honor Roll at Suffield Academy, Suffield,

Connecticut, it was announced.

Achieving High Honors was Alfred R. Casella, son of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Casella of Agawam.



MR. & MRS. CEASAR FERRANTI and son and daughter-in-law, Carol Ann & Carl C. Fancy, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Ceasar Ferranti Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Ceasar Ferranti of Agawam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 15th with a surprise party in their honor at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

The party was given by their daughter, Carol Ann, and her husband, Carl C. Fancy, Jr.

Over 60 family and friends attended including the couple's four grandchildren, Carl III, Jodi, Stacie, and Scott.

Mr. & Mrs. Ferranti have resided in Agawam over 30 years.

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Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Phone: 786-8177.

Nardi Gets County Jail To Start River Road Clean-Up



TOWN COUNCILOR and MAYORAL CANDIDATE FREDERICK NARDI is pictured on River Road, Agawam, earlier this week with a prison detail from the Hampden County House Of Corrections. Nardi asked Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe and the Hampden County Commission if it was possible to send a prison detail to River Road to clean-up brush and other debris that has collected along the banks of the Connecticut River. Nardi says he was responding to residents in the area who suggested that such a clean-up will further beautify the River Road section of town. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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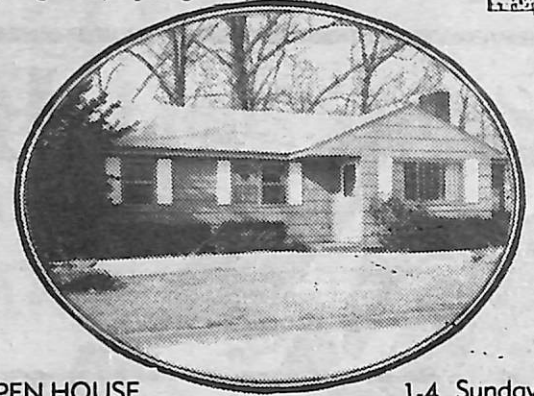
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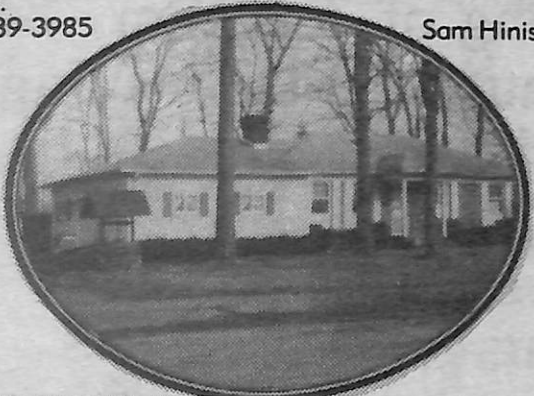
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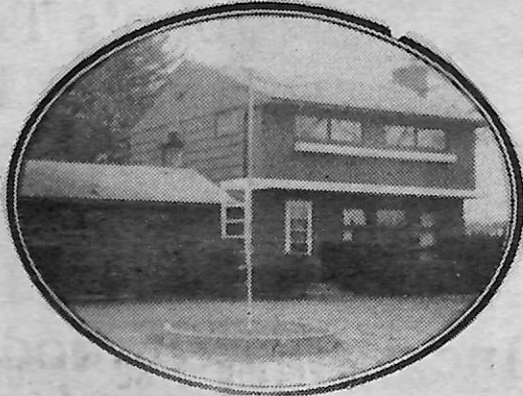
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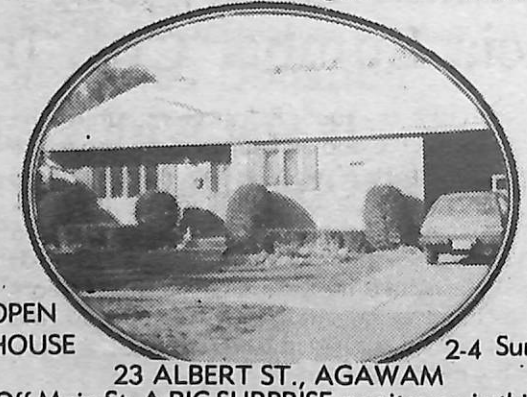
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Heritage Hall Nursing Home Honors Its Volunteers



HERITAGE HALL STAFF MEMBERS Fran O'Connell and Kay Babcock present a certificate of appreciation to volunteer Alyin Pervane, an American Field Service (AFS) student who is a senior at Agawam High School. Alyin and other volunteers were honored at a recognition luncheon last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TWO MORE HERITAGE HALL VOLUNTEERS who were honored at the recognition luncheon for volunteers on Saturday, April 22nd - Mabel J. Fitzgerald and Georgia R. Clark. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Nostalgia Day Fest Jointly Being Planned By Heritage Hall, Town

On Sunday, May 21st, Heritage Hall Nursing Home and the Town of Agawam will celebrate the Founders/Nostalgia Day. The site of the event is the Heritage Hall grounds located at 464 Main Street. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m., and last until dusk. The event will commemorate the founding of the Town of Agawam and its history and heritage.

Agawam was settled in 1635 and incorporated in 1855. William Pynchon, founding father of Springfield, sent the explorers John Cable and John Woodcock to survey land in the western part of Massachusetts, to find a site for settlers. In May 1635, the explorers found land on the west side of the Connecticut River, now known as Agawam.

The event will begin with a dedication ceremony which will include the awarding of the gold-headed ebony cane. This will be presented to the oldest resident of Agawam. Entertainment will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the Swingles Square Dancers. Other entertainment will be provided by the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard, Anne Marie's Dance Plus, a barbershop song group, Shriners' clowns, and the "big band" sound of the Ed Cerveney Orchestra.

The Western Massachusetts Model A Ford Restorers and the Shriners' Vintage Car Unit will display antique automobiles throughout the day. In addition, craft artisans and tag sale-collectible vendors will sell their wares. Many local civic and community organizations will participate with booths, historical displays, and bake sales.

A special area has been designated for children. Games, contest, face painting, and pony rides are just a few of the attractions that will appeal to youngsters of all ages. A wide assortment of food items including fried dough, cajun chicken, and the traditional hot dogs and hamburgs will satisfy every appetite.

Admission to the grounds is \$2.50 for adults and children 12 years of age and under will be admitted free. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Heart Association, the Agawam Senior Center, and the Shriners' Hospital for Children.

More information is available from Heritage Hall, 786-8000.

Golden Age Club's Calendar Of Events

May 2nd: Chapter 2—Dinner and Show at Wiggins Tavern at the Hotel Northampton, "Do You Remember When."

May 3rd: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with the American Field Service students as our guest speakers.

May 5th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

May 10th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with the American Field Service students as our

guest speakers.

May 17th: Chapter 2—Memorial Service—Awarding of Chapter 2 Memorial Scholarships. Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m.

May 24th: Chapter 1—Memorial Service. Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m.

May 25th: Chapter 1—Trip to Villa Baglieri in the Catskills. Dinner and a show, "Frontier Follies."

May 26th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

May 27th: Chapter 2—Trip to Fenway Park—Red Sox vs. California.

The Stephen Gomes Family Announces Birth Of Daughter

Catherine & Stephen Gomes of 10 Highmeadow Road, Feeding Hills, announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Catherine, born March 28th, 1989 at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield.

Laura weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 19½ inches long.

Laura was welcomed home by her sister, Carolyn, age 6, and her brother, Daniel, age 4.

Grandparents are Madeline & Ben Desrosiers of Feeding Hills, and Antoinette & Jack Gomes of Pittsfield.

Airman Christopher Puskey Graduates Air Force Course

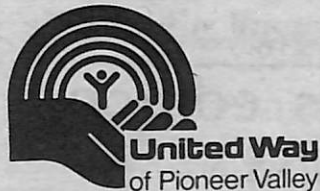
Airman Christopher Puskey has graduated from the U.S. Air Force personnel specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Graduates of the course learned how to prepare personnel reports and records, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Puskey is the son of Sherry A. Velozo of 51 Royal Street, Agawam.

He is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

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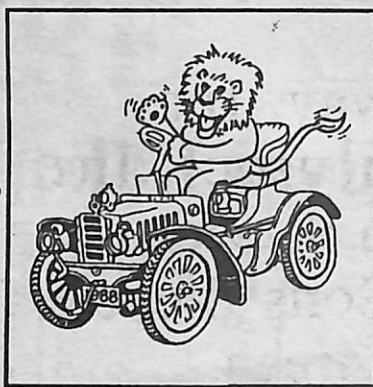
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Heritage Hall Observes Birthdays, Passover



IN PHOTO LEFT, observing Passover at Heritage Hall Nursing Home are, back row, from left - Margot Herman, Rose Schwartz, Mollie Kaplan; front row - Lucy Katz, Maude Lewin, Abe Levene, and Myron Miller. IN PHOTO RIGHT, celebrating birthdays with ice cream and cake are Edna Platt, Marion Conventino, and Margaret Nelson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Pamela K. Cranston Engaged To Wed David M. Bell

Mr. & Mrs. James Cranston of Nantucket, Massachusetts, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela K. to David M. Bell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bell of Clay, New York, formerly of Agawam...

Miss Cranston is the granddaughter of Captain Jack McDonald and the late Mary G. McDonald and the late Granville J. & Catherine Cranston. She is a graduate of

Nantucket High School, and currently is employed with Sherburne Associates in Nantucket.

Bell is the grandson of Gordon Bell of Holiday, Florida, and the late Olive Bell, and the late Norman & Ruth Densmore. He is a graduate of Agawam High School, and is currently employed with Harbor Fuel Oil Corporation in Nantucket.

An October wedding is being planned.

Valley Community Church Slates Baked Ham Supper

Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold their Baked Ham Supper, Saturday, May 13th, with servings from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This supper is held every second Saturday of each month, and price is \$5.

The menu includes ham, baked beans, salad, vegetable, dessert, choice of beverage.

For reservations, call 786-2445.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine, 789-0053.

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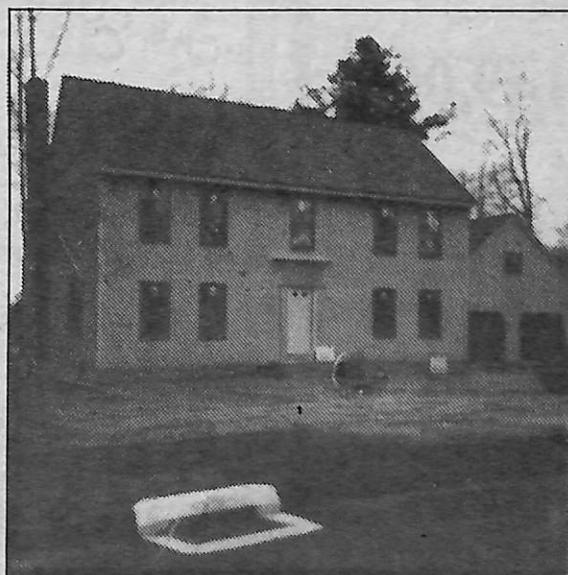
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"Golden Rules" For Gardeners

Spring is finally here. Have we seen the last of the snow this year? I hope so. Many Agawam and Feeding Hills residents have begun the arduous task of cleaning up their yards and preparing to plant this year's garden.

There's nothing more flattering to a home than a well-kept yard, well-trimmed shrubs, and well-tended flower beds. Some devote considerable time to their vegetable gardens. It's a good pastime...sometimes. Unfortunately, all too often it is painful for its participants.

Gardening and landscaping are great, if you recognize that they are activities that produce certain body stresses, if you recognize your own physical limitations, and if you do them with good sense as well as enthusiasm.

Most people hibernate all winter. Then, at the first sign of spring, try to make their lawns or gardens the most attractive on the block—all in one day. They did, lift, push, pull, and bend for hours at a time. The result is ouch, ouch, OUCH! Their backs hurt, their muscles ache, and they wonder why.

Doctors of Chiropractic, whose health-care services emphasize the structural integrity of the body, offer the following "golden rules" of gardening.

1. Warm up your muscles to the task you're about to start.
2. Don't bend over for long periods of time without taking standing breaks.
3. Don't lift more than you can handle.
4. Wear flat comfortable shoes that offer firm support.
5. Use the proper tool for each job.
6. Avoid becoming overheated or chilled.
7. Avoid doing your work in an awkward position.
8. If you injure yourself or have aches and pains that don't subside in a few days, see a health specialist.
9. As a preventive measure against disorders resulting from a strained or sprained spinal column, have periodic chiropractic spinal examinations.

Weight Loss/Maintenance Through Imaging To Start

Dr. Steven Sobel of The New England Institute for Stress Management, Springfield, is pleased to announce the start of his new Weight Loss/Maintenance Through Imaging Program (WLTI).

A free introductory session that will explain all components of the program will be held in late May. Pre-registration for this one-hour session is presently taking place, and enrollment will be limited.

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"Commit To Get Fit" At Fitness First Part Of National Fitness & Sports Month

It's almost the end of the decade—a decade which started with the government's announcement that by 1990, the nation would be in better health. Recently released data indicates that many of the objectives set in 1980 won't be met, and in some cases, the health implications for our nation could be serious.

In Fall 1980, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services set specific objectives necessary to attain improved health for Americans of all ages. These objectives were reported in "Promoting Health/Preventing Disease: Objectives for the Nation." The Department of Health's objectives established measures to improve health status and reduce risks of health by the year 1990 in 15 priority areas, one of which is physical fitness and exercise.

Then in November 1986, the Department of Health published "The 1990 Health Objectives for the Nation: A Midcourse Review," which reported that not all of the 1990 objectives would likely be met based on research conducted during 1985. For example, one objective set in 1980 was that more than 60 percent of adults 18-64 would participate regularly in vigorous physical exercise by 1990. The estimate in 1985 was that only about 10-20 percent exercised regularly. Recently released statistics indicate that still only 20 percent exercise regularly. As part of its recommendations, the Department of Health stated that, "While the Federal Government has responsibility for leading, catalyzing and providing strategic support for these activities, the effort must have local roots."

Although the government is currently reviewing data to establish revised objectives for the year 2000, one organization in particular is concerned with why the nation didn't meet the original objectives, and is doing something about it. In May, IRSA, The Association of

Quality Clubs, will launch a national fitness program called "Commit to get Fit" to set the nation on course in achieving these objectives. The program coincides with the President's Council's National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, and is sponsored by Life Fitness, Inc.

The goal of "Commit to Get Fit" is to educate the public about the value of regular exercise. During May, Fitness First, along with 600 other clubs nationally, will offer one of two free fitness evaluations to measure cardiovascular health. Both evaluations are easy to take and provide a free fitness prescription—a personalized exercise program for walking or cycling—that can be done in or out of a health club.

The first, based on walking, is the Rockport Fitness and Walking Test, and the second is taken on a brand new stationary bike, the Lifecycle Aerobic Trainer 9500. Fitness evaluation will be a key component of a month-long fitness celebration, called "Family Fitness Festival" taking place at Fitness First, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

"Our goal for 'Commit to Get Fit' is to make more people from Agawam/Feeding Hills aware of the benefits of exercise," said Luanne Viviani, Aquatics Director at Fitness First. "The more people we can get started locally in exercise programs during May, the more hopeful we are that the end result will be a healthier nation."

According to the 1980 report, exercise and physical fitness are thought to be essential to achieving the health objectives for the nation because of the known benefits including reduced risk of coronary heart disease, improved ability to maintain desired weight, and reduced symptoms associated with anxiety and mild to moderate depression.

Diabetic Teaching Program At Providence Hospital In May

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next one will be held on May 11th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation is asked to cover some of the costs.

The May diabetic class schedule is as follows:

May 5th—an explanation of diabetes for diabetics including signs and symptoms.

May 12th—administration of insulin, reactions, oral medications, and signs of shock and coma.

May 19th—blood and urine glucose monitoring,

more shock and coma discussion, and Dr. Robert Fleischer, Springfield podiatrist, will discuss foot care.

May 26th—a dietitian will discuss diet and the entire program will be reviewed.

A question and answer period is part of each class. Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital. 539-2938.

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

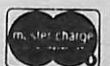


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The keys to positive results in strength training for kids is careful instruction and proper adult supervision. As with any physical activity, injuries are a real possibility. This is why emphasis on proper instruction and supervision is crucial and will help to reduce the chance of injury. Let me give you some basic guidelines to follow.

*Train each major muscle group to make sure that there is balanced muscular development.

*Three non-consecutive workouts per week produce the best results or two equally spaced workouts are also effective.

*One set of 8-12 repetitions for each major muscle group should be done.

*70-80 percent intensity of maximum resistance is recommended. If less than eight reps are done, the resistance is too high which may increase the chance of injury. More than 12 reps indicates the resistance is too low which decreases strength gains.

*Perform exercises in a slow, controlled manner.

*Each repetition should be performed through a full range of motion.

*Gradually increase the training resistance.

Remember, proper form when lifting is very important along with careful instruction and supervision. Good luck pumping that iron. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy at 786-8908.

**Mercy Hospital Offering
Cardiac Wellness Series**

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a free five-week series of cardiac education programs titled "Up Beat! Cardiac Wellness," on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All programs are open to the public.

A Mercy nurse educator and a hospital social worker will present "How the Heart Works—Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology," and "Coping With Cardiac Illness," on May 3rd.

"Knowing and Using Medications Wisely" will be presented by a Mercy pharmacist on May 10th.

"Heart Healthy Diet," presented by a Mercy Hospital dietician, will be offered on May 17th.

"Physicians Review of Medical and Surgical Treatments of Cardiovascular Disease in the 80's" will be offered on May 24th, by Mercy medical staff cardiologists.

"Stress, Exercise and CPR—What You Need to Know," offered by a Mercy Hospital nurse educator, will conclude the program on May 31st.

Reservations are requested. Call 781-9100, extension 5344, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

**Arthritis Lecture Set For
May 12th At Providence Hosp.**

The next Arthritis lecture, "The Disease Process: The Normal Joint-Difference Between Various Types of Arthritis," a free monthly education program of the Providence Hospital Rheumatology Service, will be held on Friday, May 12th, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the hospital auditorium.

Shankar Garg, M.D., Rheumatologist, will give the lecture which will include slides and a question and answer period. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

The program is held on a monthly basis and addresses a different aspect of arthritis each time.

Dr. Garg conducts the hospital's Rheumatology Consultation Service which meets each Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the hospital. Patients are referred to this service for evaluation and treatment by their own physician. Appointments may be made by contacting Dr. Garg's office.

Persons with questions on the education program or the consultation service may contact Dr. Garg, 536-5111.

**Providence Hospital Slates
Monthly Blood Sugar Program**

The monthly session of the Providence Hospital blood sugar level testing program is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in Room One of the hospital auditorium. Advanced registration is not necessary. The monthly session is always scheduled for the second Thursday of every month.

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Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

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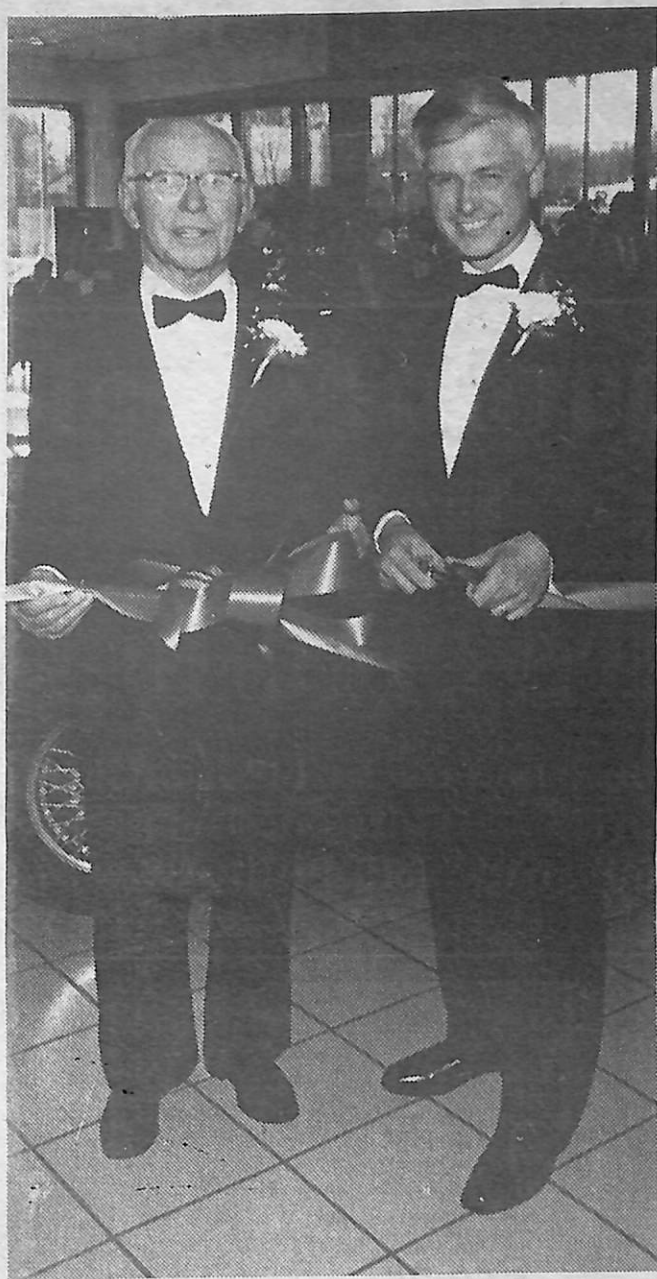
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AT SARAT FORD, a grand opening was held last Saturday for the firm's new state-of-the-art showroom, corporate offices, and repair and auto body shop. **IN TOP PHOTO** cutting the ribbon are Sarat family members, from left - Jeff, Jack Sr. (founder), Jack Jr., Karen, Chris, and Scott. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault (center) cuts the ribbon with Jack Sarat, Jr. Glenn Fontaine (far left, representing Ford Motor Company) also was at the ceremonies, as was Andrea Parent, named "Miss Photogenic" at the recent "Miss Agawam Pageant. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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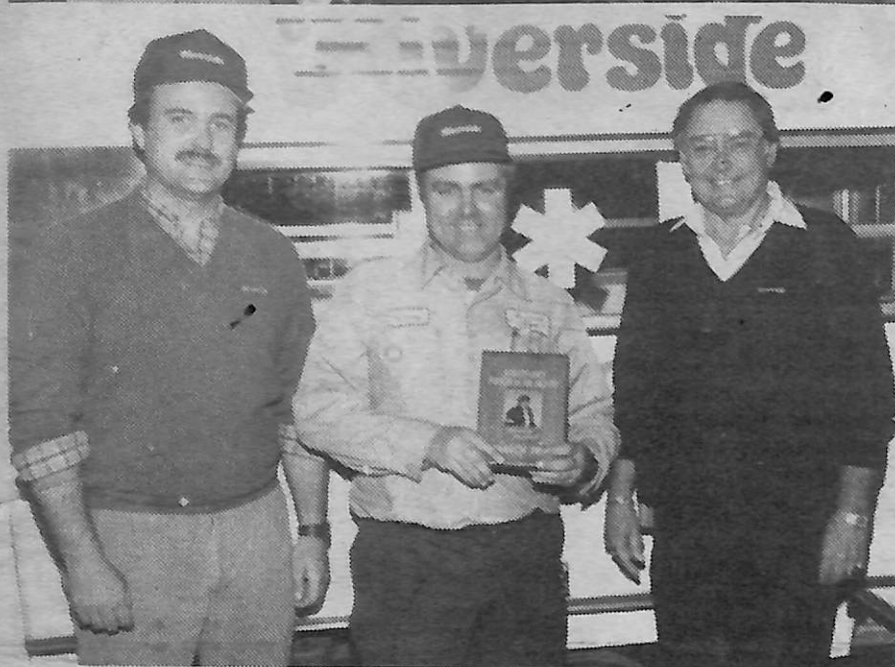
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Riverside Names Two Employees



IN PHOTOS ABOVE, Riverside Amusement Park presented two of its maintenance employees with "Maintenance Awards For The Month Of March." IN FIRST PHOTO, employee Charles Smith receives a certificate and in SECOND PHOTO Rocky Picard receives his maintenance plaque for March. Supervisors in both photos are Bill Jatkevicius (left) and T.C. Freeman. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

Bev Laferriere
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Richard Curran of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes has announced the appointment of Beverly Laferriere of 34 Mallard Circle, Agawam, to the post of vice-president in charge of finance and administration for the corporation's holdings in West Springfield, Agawam, and Holyoke.

Mrs. Laferriere will head corporate accounting and office operations and be responsible for follow-up care.

A nine-year employee of Curran-Jones, the Agawam mother of three has undergone extensive training in several trade-related organizations, including National Selected Morticians and Trust 100.

Over the years Mrs. Laferriere has held committee posts or board appointments in the following local organizations: the Agawam Marching Mohawks Parents Association and Scholarship Committee, the American Field Service, the P. Joseph Curran Scholarship Committee, and the local chapter and regional association of Parents Without Partners. Mrs. Laferriere is also a member of St. John's Catholic Women's Club and the Agawam High School PTSO.



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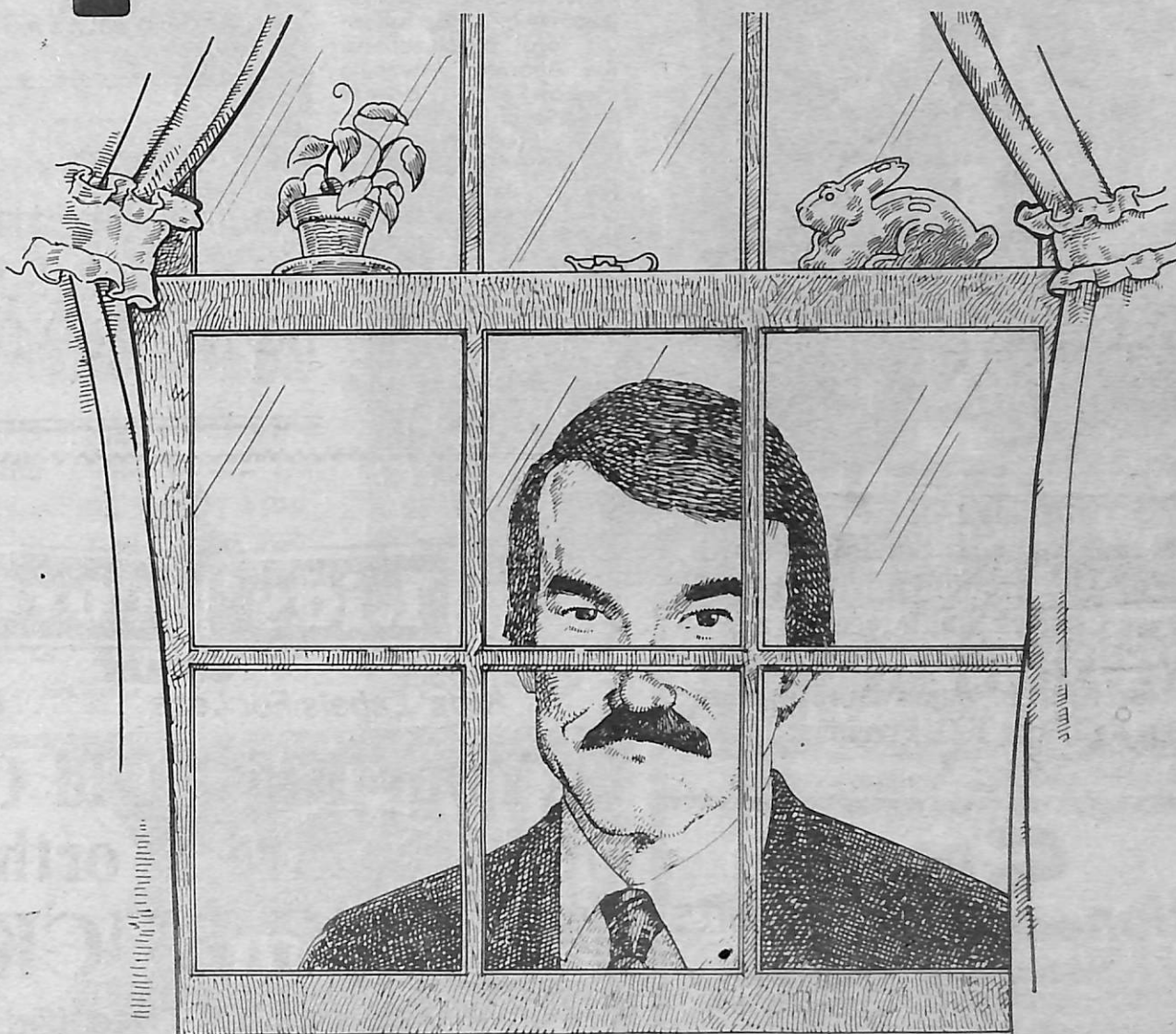
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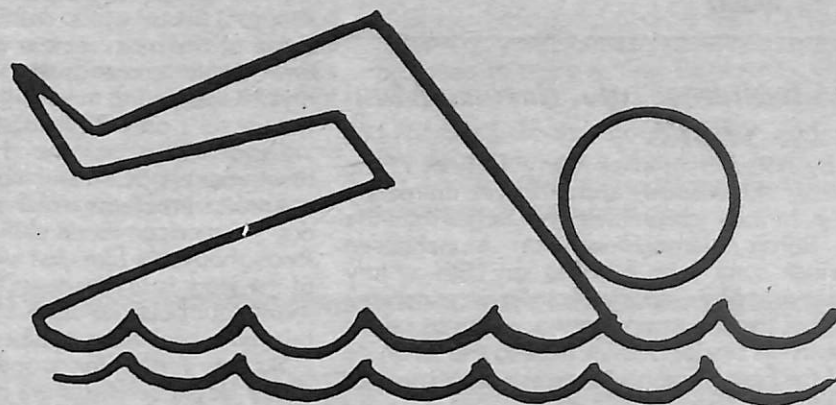
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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—The Adventures of Baron Munchausen: 2½ STARS

Directed by noted filmmaker Terry Gilliam (*Time Bandits*, *Brazil*), this visually stunning yet ultimately disappointing fantasy chronicles the larger-than-life exploits of Baron Hieronymus von Munchausen (Canadian stage actor John Neville), an 18th-century Prussian cavalry officer whose battles against the Turkish army of the Ottoman Empire were not nearly as grandiose as his unplanned-for trips to the moon, to the center of the Earth, and his foray inside the belly of a monstrously large fish.

If you are familiar with the aforementioned *Time Bandits* and *Brazil*, then you have an idea of what to expect from Gilliam's newest endeavor; however, if you're not familiar with either of his two earlier works, then let me inform you that *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* is a wacky, off-the-wall picture which blends a Monty Python-ish sense of humor with fantastical elements that will more than surprise you.

Reminiscent of both *Gulliver's Travels* and *Alice in Wonderland*, this Teutonic, Paul Bunyanesque movie boasts an array of extravagant and eye-grabbing special effects, and this cinematic wizardry is employed to bring to life such wondrous characters as the fastest man (Eric Idle) on Earth; the unbelievably eccentric king of the moon (Robin Williams in an uncredited cameo); Vulcan (Oliver Reed), the Roman god of fire and metalworking; and the Roman goddess of love and beauty, Venus (Uma Thurman).

Unfortunately, despite the undeniably dazzling and superbly crafted quality of what we see up on the screen, *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* falls considerably short of being a superlative film. To date, Gilliam's most conspicuous fault as a director is that he doesn't know how to pace his pictures; and, in the case of his latest production, the plot plods along in an unbearably snail-like fashion that not only saps the picture of its potential energy and excitement, but also undermines its attempts to be a rousing tribute to the joys of fantasy and imagination.

The Adventures of Baron Munchausen is 1989's answer to *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Like that highly overrated box-office hit from last year, this motion picture is quite a lavish achievement in regard to its technical proficiency, yet at the same time, it is nowhere near as successful in terms of coming off as a source of engaging storytelling.

—Cyborg: 0 STARS

A truly worthless sci-fi adventure which is set in a post-apocalyptic future and stars Belgian-born muscleman Jean-Claude Van Damme as a lone-wolf hero who take it upon himself to come to the rescue of a half-flesh, half-machine woman (Dayle Haddon) who has been captured by a marauding gang of bloodthirsty bandits.

What's wrong with *Cyborg*? You name it—pitifully bad acting, low-grade special effects, a paper-thin plotline that defies any attempts at analysis whatsoever, etc., etc..

To put it as briefly as possible, this piece of garbage is but a moronic clone of the infinitely superior *Mad Max* films and is, without a doubt, an example of escapist entertainment at its least entertaining.

As for its leading man, Van Damme continues to display the same lack of thespian ability that he demonstrated via his inauspicious feature film debut in a 1988 martial-arts cheapie titled *Bloodsport*. Therefore, thanks to his amateurish work in front of the camera, he can be dutifully regarded as the poor man's cross between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chuck Norris.

—Dead Calm: 2½ STARS

This flawed yet consistently creepy thriller deals with a married couple (Sam Neill and newcomer Nicole Kidman) who, while cruising aboard their yacht in some of the most remote waters of the South Pacific, unwittingly come upon a derelict schooner and a mysterious young man (Billy Zane) who happens to be the vessel's only surviving passenger.

Dead Calm is the handiwork of Australian moviemakers, but it still manages to suffer from one of the worst problems which plagues the majority of today's American-made chillers. At a number of points throughout this film, just when we think that the villain of the story is finally down for the count, that nefarious individual pops up once again and continues to commit more malicious mayhem.

As any fan of terror-oriented pictures can tell you, these "false" endings are a most notorious earmark of too many thrillers in recent years, and because of their overuse, they have definitely become an infuriatingly annoying and distracting presence.

Nonetheless, *Dead Calm* is a recommendable flick, even though it has some discrepancies in its plot as well as the just-mentioned shortcoming. Stylishly photographed and edited, this movie holds our attention from beginning to end and provides us with much genuine suspense by way of a riveting and sexually intense cat-and-mouse conflict which ensues between the characters portrayed by Kidman and Zane.

In short, *Dead Calm* is certainly far from being a perfect film, but as far as pictures of this sort go, it is a general polished production that does deliver what it promises.

—The Dream Team: 3 STARS

Early on in this delightful comedy, a kindhearted psychiatrist (Dennis Boutsikaris) believes that four of his patients (Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd, Peter Boyle, and Stephen Furst) would benefit from some time away from their New Jersey institution, so he decides to take them to Yankee Stadium for an afternoon of baseball.

However, as bad luck would have it, this well-meaning shrink's plans go seriously awry, for he is accidentally separated from his patients before they reach the stadium. As a result, this quartet of mentally disturbed men realize that they now have to fend for themselves among the often bizarre streets of New York City.

Though it is burdened with some needlessly farfetched story developments, *The Dream Team* does succeed in being a thoroughly enjoyable film which possesses much endearing charm. Director Howard Zieff (*Private Benjamin*) takes the serious topic of mental illness and skillfully employs warm-natured humor to treat this subject in a appealingly comical manner and, thus, suggest the notion that in New York City's reputedly zany environment, the film's four leading characters are probably not more much abnormal than the average denizens of the Big Apple.

Actually, the finest thing about *The Dream Team* is its solid acting. Among the fine supporting players, Boutsikaris (*batteries not included) is immensely likable as the benevolent psychiatrist; James Remar (*The Cotton Club*) and Philip Bosco (*Working Girl*) are effectively sinister as a pair of dangerously corrupt

police detectives; and Lorraine Bracco (*Sing*) is winsomely spunky in the part of Keaton's onetime girlfriend.

In regard to the actors who portray the four major roles, each of them deserves much praise for their respectively splendid performances. As a man who's prone to fits of violent anger, Keaton (*Clean and Sober*) takes command of the screen whenever he loses his cool, and his depiction of this character manages to be simultaneously tense and funny.

Meanwhile, Lloyd (*Back to the Future*) is equally impressive as an unbelievably fussy and neat man who believes that he is more mentally stable than his fellow patients. In the part of a former advertising executive who now thinks that he's Jesus Christ, Boyle (*Red Heat*) occasionally steals the show with his unpredictably offbeat behavior.

And last, but certainly not least, Furst (TV's *St. Elsewhere*) is a joy to watch. Portraying a catatonic young man whose infrequent dialogue incorporates only baseball jargon and excerpts from television commercials, this actor uses a variety of boyishly goofy facial expressions to render his character as an amusingly interesting individual.

—Major League: 3 STARS

In this rambunctiously funny baseball comedy, the new owner (Margaret Whitton) of the downtrodden Cleveland Indians is determined to move the team from Ohio to Miami, Florida, pending the fact that a really rotten season—accompanied by disastrous ballpark attendance—would allow the Indians to be let out of their contract with the city of Cleveland. So, to help her ensure that the team does as lousy as possible, she recruits a forlorn group of ballplayers that includes an almost-over-the-hill catcher (Tom Berenger), a mean-tempered pitcher (Charlie Sheen) who's just been released from prison, and a Cuban first baseman (Dennis Haysbert) who performs voodoo-related rituals in the locker room.

While it is hampered by some holes in its plotline and a shamelessly sentimental subplot involving the attempts of Berenger's (*Betrayed*) character to win back his estranged sweetheart, *Major League* still accomplishes what it sets out to do, and that is to be a lightweight and lighthearted picture which has some fun with the sport of baseball.

The film is, in essence, a men-will-be-boys farce which is chock-full of the kind of ribald humor and slapstick silliness that's difficult not to laugh at. To be sure, *Major League* is by no means as sophisticated or perceptively witty as last summer's commercially and critically successful *Bull Durham*, but it does, nevertheless, manage to be an entertaining bit of fluff in its own right.

Among the performers worthy of note, Sheen (*Wall Street*) is oftentimes hilarious as an ex-con who has some trouble adjusting to post-prison life, as is baseball personality Bob Uecker in the part of a boozy radio sportscaster.

However, my favorite portrayal in *Major League* is that of the Cleveland Indians' crusty coach. As played by a squinty-eyed and gravel-voiced character actor named James Gammon (*Silverado*), this supporting role is undeniably unforgettable and is, to me, the single best thing which this comedy has to offer.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—The Adventures of Baron Munchausen: Though it is rated PG, this film contains some blatantly risqué humor which should have warranted a PG-13 rating instead.

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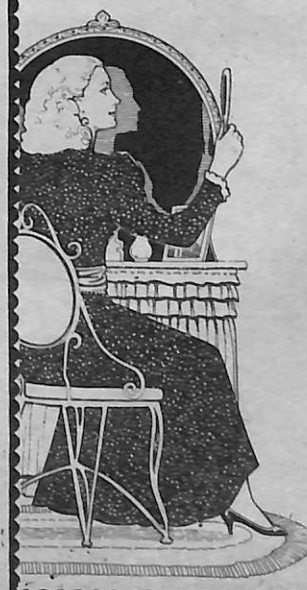
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Let's Talk Travel

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Sea Shells From The Seashore

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If you've collected a shell in which no animal material remains, simply rinse under tap water to remove sand and salt. If the animal is still in the shell, put the shell or shells in a container of water and bring to a boil. Boil for one to five minutes, depending on the size of the shell.

When cool, remove the animal with tweezers or a needle. Another method of removal is to freeze the shell. When it is defrosted, the animal should slide out easily.

When the shells are dry, you can polish them with mineral or baby oil, or commercially-prepared glazes, available at many shell shops, to bring out their colors and luster.

If you're fortunate enough to find sand dollars, you'll want to give these treasures the special treatment they deserve. Do not boil them. Instead, soak in a solution of 50 percent bleach and 50 percent water until they turn white. Dry in the sun. Special sand dollar hardener, available at shell shops, can also be applied so they do not break as easily.

Starfish, seahorses, and sea urchins (which should be handled with extreme care) also deserve special attention. Soak them for 24 hours in a solution of nine parts of water and one part formaldehyde (available at most pharmacies)—then dry in the sun.

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—Cyborg and Dead Calm: Both pictures are rated R for their respective amounts of nudity and highly intense violence.

—The Dream Team: Rated PG-13 for brief, in-offensive nudity and some strong language.

—Major League: Rated R for strong profanity, lockerroom nudity, and adult humor.

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Melha Potentate Clyde O. Hooper, Jr. announces that The Royal Hanneford Circus, Tommy Hanneford producer, returns with an all-new show for a second year under Shrine sponsorship.

High-flying aerial acrobats, ponderous performing pachyderms, and the maniacal mayhem of the Circus Clowns all set the tone for this year's extravaganza.

Shriner William Panaretos, Circus Chairman, says this will be an all-new edition of the Melha Shrine Circus highlighting Springfield's own Melha Shrine Clowns, and reminds everyone that proceeds from this Circus are for the benefit of Melha Temple and are not deductible as charitable contributions.

"This year's circus has something for everyone, from the giant opening Shrine Parade to the Fantastic Farewell of the circus performers," said Chairman Panaretos.

Performances are as follows: April 27th, 7:15 p.m.; April 28th, 4:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; April 29th, 2:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; April 30th, 1:15 p.m., and 5:45 p.m.

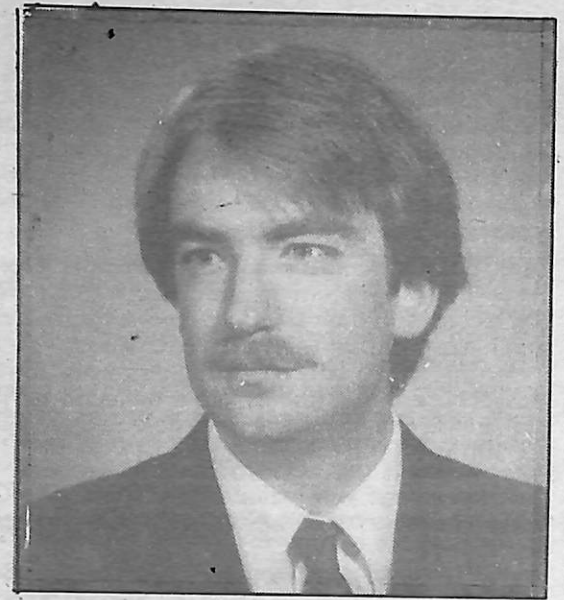
One highpoint of the circus extravaganza is set for "CIRCUS MAXIMUS." ...Before Barnum—Before Ashtley. Travel Through Time...To The Days and Glory of Ancient Rome.

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Former AHS Trumpet Whiz Kelly Bolduc To Perform May 5th

Kelley Bolduc, jazz musician, will be performing May 5th at the Agawam Junior High School at 7:30 p.m., in the First Friday Series, sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council.

"Things Ain't What They Used To Be" will be a concert in jazz, blues, and Caribbean music featuring Kelley Bolduc on trumpet with her band from Berklee College of Music, Boston.

Ms. Bolduc has been playing the trumpet for 11 years and is currently finishing her junior year at Berklee College of Music. She began playing at the age of 10 with the elementary school band and continued through middle school when, through director, David Baldock's encouragement, she played with the Junior High jazz band.

Kelley began to take her music more seriously upon entering Agawam High School, performing with the concert band, marching band, and jazz band, and also serving as band vice president and jazz band president in her senior year.

She took part in many groups outside of school, including District Jazz Band, All-Senior Honor band, Lion's Club All-State Band, and Massachusetts All-State Jazz Band. She was also the founder and leader of the Agawam Brass Quartet which performed at area churches and nursing homes.

Ms. Bolduc received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award upon graduation in 1986, and was also awarded a Wind Players scholarship to Berklee College of Music.

Her studies at Berklee as a Professional Music major have made her a Dean's List student and a "very much in demand" trumpet player. She has led three jazz recitals of her own and has performed in many others. This past summer, she performed in a pit band at Rhode Island's Theater by the Sea for the Broadway shows, "Sophisticated Ladies" and "42nd Street." She also spent part of her summer on the Caribbean island of Barbados playing with a calypso band called Conquerors.

This semester at Berklee she is performing with the Phil Wilson Rainbow Band, a big band featuring his compositions: the Caribbean Ensemble, which performs music from various parts of the Caribbean, and performs regularly at Berklee and at local Boston clubs, and also with a Dixieland quintet called the Charles River Brass Quintet.

Ms. Bolduc's career plans are to be able to play many different styles of music. She will also be returning to Barbados this summer to serve as a studio musician and record with their top Calysonians for their carnival season, and as well lead a small jazz group at waterfront jazz clubs.

Her upcoming concert at the Agawam Junior High School is in return for a Massachusetts Art Lottery grant awarded to her through the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. Kelley was able to attend UMass Amherst's "Jazz in July" for her fifth year in a row.

The concert will include jazz, blues, and Caribbean music performed by her, backed by an All-Berklee band including vocalists, steel drums, and a horn section.

Kelley is the daughter of Cyril & Lorraine Bolduc of Agawam. The public is invited free of charge. Funding is provided through a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council.



JAZZ MUSICIAN KELLEY BOLDUC, now a junior at Berklee College of Music, will be performing at the Agawam Junior High School on Friday, May 5th, as part of the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council's "First Friday" Series.

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All's Well With St. Martha's *My Fair Lady*

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Without question, George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* is one of the most renowned works by that all-time great British writer.

However, that same story, under the title of *My Fair Lady*, has been a staple in the world of musical theatre, and the St. Martha Players' current cabaret theatre production of that show proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that its overall delightfulness has not paled since its inception over 30 years ago.

Playing at the Ronald Goulet Hall (St. Martha Church Hall), Brainard Road, in Enfield, Connecticut, this two-act musical has four more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (April 28th and May 5th) and Saturdays (April 29th and May 6th). All performances begin at 8:15 p.m.

With book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner, and music by Frederick Loewe, *My Fair Lady* takes place in late Victorian England and chronicles the ever-charming tale of what befalls Professor Henry Higgins (Joe Ganley), a most scholarly man whose area of expertise is the English language. What truly astounds this gentleman so much is how that particular language is maligned and mauled by the lower-class members of his country—namely, the cockney men and women who eke out a meager existence by being beggars and petty salespeople on the streets.

In fact, his intellectual fascination with this dilemma is so strong that by way of a bet with an aristocratic military man by the name of Colonel Pickering (John Santoro), Higgins takes one of these street people into his home and sets out to prove that he can turn this individual into a polished human being who can speak the English language in the most proper manner.

Meanwhile, the subject of Higgins' tutorage, a young woman named Eliza Doolittle (Anna Giza), has mixed feelings about her new teacher. To be sure, she likes the refined accoutrements of his home and the materialistic possessions which will be afforded her as a result of her time with him. But, by the same token, the street-wise side of her persona resents his patronizing attitude towards her—until, that is, she begins to develop feelings of affection for him and realizes what his instruction has been gradually turning her into.

The St. Martha Players' staging of *My Fair Lady* is a rousing success which does more than justice to the work of Lerner and Loewe. Under the immensely skillful direction of Marc Giza, everything in this production runs like clockwork. Thanks to the efforts of musical director and pianist Karen Johnson-Dion, such memorable numbers as "Why Can't The English," "With A Little Bit Of Luck," "The Rain In Spain," and "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face" are rendered with much zest and flair.

Meanwhile, the choreography by David Hay brings to fruition the toe-tapping talents of this large cast, especially during the numbers involving the many actors and actresses who form the chorus and "cockney ensemble" for the show.

On a more technical note, the set design by Lee Lavigne incorporates a large number of set changes,

and the furnishings themselves are superbly crafted and eye-catching. Due to the well-paced work of the stage crew, the various pieces of stage furniture and other set accessories were consistently changed and rearranged with the speed and execution that could have resulted only from much dedicated rehearsal time.

As for the clothes which the cast is adorned with, Mr. Lavigne's costume design and Agawam native Mooneyan Field's costume coordination have resulted in one of the most sartorially splendid shows that I have ever seen on the Ronald Goulet Hall stage. As their patrons already know, the St. Martha Players have a first-rate reputation when it comes to their colorful stage apparel, but their presentation of *My Fair Lady* represents, in my opinion, a high point in recent years in terms of the wide range of styles that are featured throughout the musical.

And, these styles range from the timeworn garments of the cockney street people to both the casual and formal attire of the higher-class characters of the story.

The cast of *My Fair Lady* boasts over a dozen background performers who fulfill a variety of minor roles throughout the course of the plot's proceedings. Although these men and women are too numerous to mention within the confines of this review, I can say that each and every one of them deserves a loud round of applause for enhancing and supporting the major actors and actresses.

With regard to the more noteworthy members of the company, Ed Giza is quite droll as Zoltan Karpathy, a Rumanian teacher who once studied under Henry Higgins. And, speaking of that inimitable professor, Mary Lombardo does a fine job in the part of his always exasperated mother, Mrs. Higgins.

Feelings of exasperation are also expressed by Claire Neild in the role of Mrs. Pearce, Professor Higgins' long-suffering and much put-upon maid who endures the sometimes maddening behavior of her employer with as much dignity and grace as possible.



ANNA GIZA as Eliza Doolittle and Joe Ganley as Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady*.

Joy Iloff, as an upper-crust lady by the name of Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, conveys the appropriately stoic and stuck-up persona of a stereotypically blue-blooded member of English society. And, serving as a foil of sorts to her temperament, David Labigalini is very amusing as her son, Freddy Eynsford-Hill, who falls head over heels for Eliza Doolittle and goes to some humorous lengths in order to see and talk with her.

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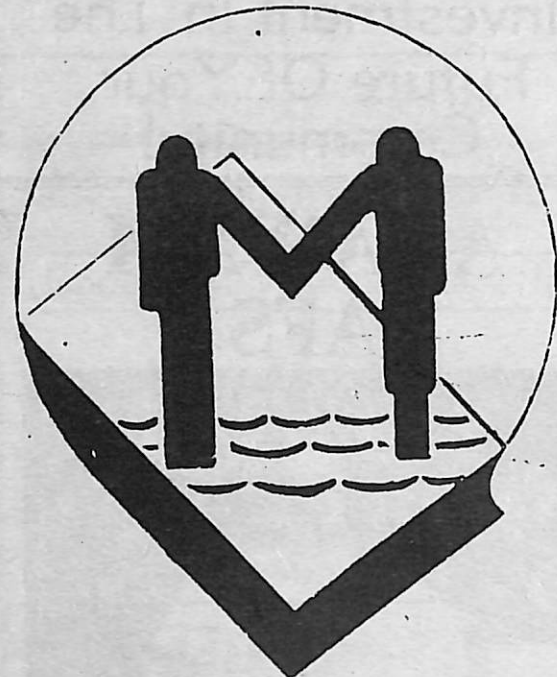
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In the part of Colonel Pickering, Santoro takes what is essentially the "straight man" character of *My Fair Lady* and turns him into a memorable individual via a most gentlemanly and genial demeanor that complements the brusque personality of Henry Higgins.

Throughout this musical, Eliza's good-for-nothing father, Alfred P. Doolittle, rears his scoundrelly head and—as played by Frank Rudolf, Jr.—steals the show whenever he's on the stage. Rudolf depicts him as a happy-go-lucky, ever-boozey rogue who's always trying to make some kind of trouble, but at the same time, the sheer foolishness of his behavior enables him to come off as a laughable clown instead of a truly despicable man.

Ganley, in the role of Henry Higgins, is downright perfect. He exudes the uppity and persnickety air of a man who knows what he's good at and takes great pleasure in that knowledge; moreover, this actor conveys an acid-tongued and sarcastic sense of humor which not only is used to great effect on a number of people in the story (particularly Eliza Doolittle), but also renders Higgins as a not-always-likable protagonist.

And, as the show's title character, Miss Giza is equally grand. Her vocal and physical transformation from an uncouth, cockney flower girl to a genteel, well-spoken lady is executed with immense credibility and proficiency. But, while this actress lets us know that Eliza will never be the same woman whom she once was before she met Henry Higgins, she also demonstrates that her fiery and independent-minded spunk will always be an integral part of her emotional makeup.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the St. Martha Players' production of *My Fair Lady* are \$7 (general admission) and \$6 (seniors over 60 and children under 12). For ticket reservations and/or additional information regarding the remaining performances, call (203) 745-1193.

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Victorian England At Springfield Museum

On Sunday, April 30th, at 3:00 p.m., Susan P. Casteras, assistant curator of paintings at the Yale University Center for British Art, will lecture on "Orphans, Urchins, and the Upper Class in Victorian England."

This is the final lecture in a four-part series of distinguished presentations titled "Street Urchins: Art, Literature, and Social Reformers" held in conjunction with the exhibition *Country Paths and City Sidewalks: The Art Of J.G. Brown*. The exhibition and lectures are held at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, located on the Quadrangle in Springfield. The exhibition will be on display through May 21st.

Casteras received her Ph.D. in art history from Yale in 1977 and is an expert on English genre paintings and Victorian life. She received first prize for the best manuscript in Women's Studies from Associated University Presses in 1986, and has written over 25 journal articles, catalogues and books. Her career is distinguished by curating over 20 exhibitions including: *The Glories of Victorian Portraiture, 1850-1900*, at the Yale Center for British Art, and *The Victorian Cult of Childhood: Paintings from the Forbes Magazine Collection*, at the Yale Center for British Art, 1986-87. Casteras has participated in over 23 symposia and conferences and has given many gallery

talks and lectures.

Casteras will provide an illuminating discussion comparing the works of J.G. Brown with other English painters of the Victorian era. She will concentrate on the images of impoverished street people, especially children, tracing depictions of poverty from the idealized images that J.G. Brown painted to the more realistic, darker portrayals of artists such as Fields, Herkimer, and Holl.

Casteras points out that it is interesting to note that, in the early 19th century, the artists softened the images of destitution and became more bold by the 1870's in offering a truer representation of the pervasive social condition of poverty. Her presentation will distinguish what is uniquely American and what the English Victorian painters may have offered their American counterparts. The images reproduced for the talk range from the comic to the stark and reveal the essence of Victorian society.

This lecture is made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy and is open to the public free of charge. Don't miss this opportunity to experience this insightful program!

For additional information on this or other programs, call the Education Department, 733-4214.

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- 17 Conception
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- 20 --- little lamb
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- 23 Rounded shape
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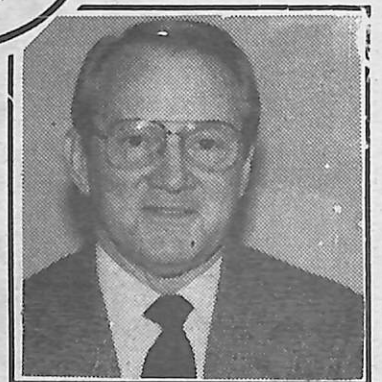
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The Springfield Symphony Orchestra offers the final Great Performers concert of their 45th season on Saturday, May 6th, featuring duo pianists Anthony & Joseph Paratore. The evening's program is sponsored by Parityka Resource Management, and will include Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 "Pathétique," George Walker's "Lyric for Strings," and the East Coast premiere of Michael Schelle's "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra." A free "Words on Music" talk will be offered prior to the concert at 7:00 p.m., with commentary by Schelle.

The Paratore brothers are well-known for their amazing precision and diverse repertoire as duo pianists. Among many recent honors, they were selected as the piano duo representatives in a "Celebration of the Piano" presented at Wolf Trap and broadcast on PBS during the 1988/89 season.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, the Paratores have taken works ranging from Bach, Mozart, and Schubert to Stravinsky, Bartok and Gershwin around the world with yearly recital tours, music festival appearances and special event performances.

The first half of the May 6th program will feature music by two 20th century composers, beginning with George Walker and his warm, melodic "Lyric for Strings." Among Walker's many honors and appointments, he has served on the faculty of Smith College. Next will be Michael Schelle's "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra," specifically composed for the Paratores. This performance will mark the East Coast premiere of the work, which was nominated for the 1988 Pulitzer Prize by BMI.

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, "Pathétique" will comprise the second half of the Great Performers program. In a letter to a friend, Tchaikovsky expressed great love for this piece, perhaps because of its unusual emotional construction. An intense build of "excited" energy in the third movement leads into a slow, mournful finale, leaving the audience with hushed sorrow as the last utterance of this powerful work.

The Paratores were first introduced to music by their father, who later took them all over Massachusetts to perform for hospitals and charity groups while they were still quite young. After graduating from the Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts, they expected to be solo performers, and embarked upon separate careers.

By the time they arrived at Juilliard, Anthony had already completed two tours of South America and the Caribbean, and Joseph had debuted with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Then in a duo piano class, teacher Mme. Rosina Lhevinne observed that "their unity in playing gives the impression they are breathing together," and suggested they concentrate on duo piano performance.

Tickets for this Great Performers concert are priced from \$8-\$25 and can be purchased now at the Symphony Box Office located on the mezzanine level of Baystate West or by calling 733-2291. Discounts are available for groups, seniors, and students. "Words on Music" will be offered free to all ticketholders in the Mahogany Room at 7:00 p.m. on May 6th. Reservations must be made in advance through the Symphony Box Office.



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TEACHER BOB SEKOR chats with parent **Lucretia Ferioli** at the **Clark School Spring Open House**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spring Open House Held At Clark School

James Clark School held its spring Open House on Wednesday, April 12th. Parents visiting the school that evening were greeted by dinosaur pictures and stories written by the first grade. Second grade students displayed clay birds they had made along with individual reports on a bird of their choice. Mrs. Greenough's second graders were responsible for the school showcase for the month of April. They choose the circus as a theme and each student made a pipe cleaner and clay clown that they decorated with "handi-wipes" of various colors. It was a delightful work of art.

D.A.R.E. Officer Wayne Macey and Mrs. Curnow's first graders contributed materials and drawings to the PTO bulletin board. Parents chuckled as they read their child's work. Using D.A.R.E. as their theme, the students drew pictures and wrote a short description about what made them happy or sad. Most stated that getting a new pet or hitting a homerun made them happy, while others were upset when mom or dad turned off the "Nintendo."

Throughout the school parents viewed various displays of the children's work and encountered candid photos taken by teachers and PTO moms. A sample copy of the schools' 1988/89 yearbook was on exhibit in the cafeteria, and parents reserved copies for their children. School t-shirts and sweatshirts along with



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER JANE ROBINSON and parent **Pamela Bucalo** go over curriculum at the **Spring Open House**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHERYL MARDEUSZ, a first grade teacher at Clark School, chats with **Mr. & Mrs. Sawyer** at the **Spring Open House**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

other Clark memorabilia were also on display.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening, and elections for the 1989/90 PTO officers also took place. It was a reminder that the school year is near-

ing its end; the fourth graders will soon be moving on to the Middle School; and the five year-olds who entered the school timidly and with mixed emotions in the fall are settled and fully a part of the Clark family.

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ARRIVING BY STRETCH LIMO to the AHS Prom - Renee LaMothe, Mark Bluteau, Kim Radcliffe, Jason Hancock, Traci Ferris, and Dave Barber. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NIGHT - Don Salva, Scott Reed, Tony Stack, Stephanie Palazzi, Alison Rock, and Kelly Reynolds. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE PROM, from left - Kris Grimaldi, Mike Pisano, Tammy Buoniconti, Lance Stowell, Sherri Badone, and Kyle Averill. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON THE BANNISTER at Chez Josef - John Moccio, Donna Korash, David Dean, Jennifer Leavitt, Kenny Whitehead, and Michele Urbinati. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GOOD LOOKIN' LINEUP - Mike Semanie, Kerry Robinson, Kristin DiLizia, Andy Canata, Carolyn Belniak, and Chris Corriveau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Prom Night Always Special For AHS Students



IS IT TIME TO EAT YET? - Joe Cardaropoli, Lisa Moccio, Karen Jackobek, and Derek Tyburski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOE BOURBONNAIS, HEATHER GEARING, TERRI CIMAROLI, and DAVE FAZIO at the Agawam High Prom last Thursday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER - Nicky Pajer, Benji Stulpin, Tammy Nardi, and Tony Leger. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TODD HADLEY, TINA SHEEHAN, JOHANNA HAFFKE, and ED SALVA at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Kim Satkowski, Tony Brach, Sue LaFleur, and Gary Nardi are all smiles at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE PROM - Carrie Duga, Greg Barker, Michelle Saliba, and John Bonavita. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chez Josef Perfect Setting For AHS Prom



MEMBERS OF THE RECEIVING LINE greet guests at the Agawam High Prom, from left - Mr. & Mrs. Reider Nordal, Mr. & Mrs. David Bates, and Mr. & Mrs. John Morrissey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE PROM - Janet Carabetta, Mike Morassi, Jody Melanson, Scott McCrystal, Beth McEwan, and Paul Arpin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOOKING GOOD at the Agawam High Prom are Michelle Willard and Denis Punch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS, from left - Ashli Vrijenhoek, Dan Asselin, Lisa Simpson, Ernie Malone, Shelly Morris, Andrew Allen, Andrea Tobin, and Jack Prendergast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ABOUT TO ENTER CHEZ JOSEF, from left - Michael Birk, Amy Modzelewski, Rich Birk, Kristyne Wage, Sue Walker, Ron Dubour, and Lisa Chase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KEVIN CONNOR, ANDREA SCALISE, CHRISTINE VEALE, AND JEFF PICARD are looking forward to a memorable evening at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Prom Again Stellar Success

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Thursday evening, April 20th, Chez Josef became the "Palace of Memories" to fulfill the theme at the Agawam High School Junior-Senior Prom. The 56-member Prom Committee wanted a theme song as well, and chose "One Moment In Time" befittingly.

The Prom colors of pink, white, and black accented decor with place settings, centerpieces, and helium-filled balloons that pranced along the ceiling of the Grand Ballroom.

The colors were also evident among the evening attire, although a prominent popular color this year seemed to be royal blue. Gone are the days when males simply rented a white, black, or possibly grey tuxedo. The gentlemen's ties, cummerbunds, boutonnieres, and a few scarfs were perfectly coordinated with their date's gowns. The young ladies' hemlines ranged from formal mini to full-length gowns.

Many of the couples arrived in elegantly-styled limousines, but certainly everyone will remember clearly the entrance of one couple in a tow truck. Nearly 100 anxious parents and siblings gathered to watch outside the entrance as couples arrived. Reserved seating this year totaled 556 attendees.

Upon entering the foyer, couples were welcomed by Superintendent James Bruno in the receiving line.

Other invited guests included School Committee Chairwoman Roberta Doering and her husband, Dr. James Doering; Principal and Mrs. John Morrissey; Assistant Principal Mary Charest and her spouse, Leonard; Assistant Principal and Mrs. David Bates; Senior Class Advisor Frances Green; Reidar Nordal and Prom Advisor Geraldine Schilling-Nordal. Junior Class Advisor Everett Talmadge was unable to attend.

Yearbook Advisor for AHS, David Polaski, was busily snapping photos throughout the onset of the evening and D.J. Kenny Richards commented, "This is my fourth consecutive year doing Agawam's Prom. My assistant Paul Wesley and I do a lot of Proms in the area, but we've been doing Agawam's the longest."

Richards added, "These kids really know how to make you feel good. They really treat you great."

Mrs. Schilling-Nordal, also chairwoman of the AHS Art Department, said, "This is the first time that we have had a choice of menu. I hope everything goes well."

The menu consisted of chilled fresh fruit cup, relish tray, mixed garden salad, with a choice of boneless breast of chicken, or prime ribs of beef aujus, or baked stuffed shrimp; and included baked stuffed potato, broccoli normandy, rolls, and a parfait wheel for dessert. There was coffee, tea, milk, or soda also available.

A list of the junior and senior class officers was included in the pamphlet given to each student. The cover design for "Palace of Memories" theme booklet was done by AFS student Aylin Per-vane of Turkey, and the final page contained the words to the theme song "One Moment In Time" by Albert Hammond John Bettis. Each brochure was wrapped with a pink and black garter.

The magic, as in the fairytale of Cinderella, ended at midnight and each couple left carrying in their thoughts a special moment from the "Palace of Memories."

Welcome, Agawam High Prom Students



ATTENDING THE AGAWAM HIGH PROM at Chez Josef last Thursday are Agawam High students, from left - Cathy Scaggs, Dan Dunaiki, Dawn Mathews, and Mike Shea. SEE RELATED PICTURE PAGES AND STORY in this section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Alicia Biagetti Scores Well In Competition

A super hooray goes out to Agawam Junior High School ninth grade student, Alicia Biagetti.

On the weekend of April 14th-16th, she attended the American Teachers' Association of Music Annual Accordion competition, which was held at the Newton Marriott.

Alicia received a superior AAA rating for her evaluation. She also took a first place trophy for her classical solo, and a second place trophy for her polka solo. In addition, she is a member of the Falcetti Music accordion band which took a first place trophy in its rendition of "Serenade."

She was accompanied by her proud mother, Debra Biagetti, her brother, Jason Biagetti, and her grandparents, Felix & Ann Rachele of Meadow Street, Agawam.

Laughing Brook Opens Ed. Center

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, will kick-off the reopening of the renovated Education Center building with a special "Birds & Breakfast" program on Saturday, May 6th.

"Birds & Breakfast" is an introduction to the excitement of birdwatching in May at the peak of the spring migration. Participants will assemble for an early morning walk with an experienced birder, returning to Laughing Brook for a hearty pancake breakfast with real maple syrup. "The course is geared to those with little birding experience," says Laughing Brook Assistant Director Penny Jaques. "This program is a fun way to get started or to learn more about the many birds that pass through our area at this time of year."

Participants can choose from five departure times, from 6:30 a.m. on. A special session at 8:30 a.m. will be geared toward families. The cost of the program is \$6 (\$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members). For children under 12, the cost is \$4 (\$3 for members). Preregistration is required.

"Bird & Breakfast" will be the first program to be held in Laughing Brook's newly renovated Education Center Building. The building has been closed to the public for eight months while program areas were expanded and a new lobby and exhibit space were constructed. The building will reopen to visitors on Tuesday, May 2nd. For more information, call 566-8034.

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT Alicia Biagetti attended the American Teachers' Association of Music Annual Accordion Competition, which was held at the Newton Marriott. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Thursday, May 4th: Hamburg with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, bread and butter, white cake with hot fudge sauce, milk.

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ROBINSON PARK fourth graders are dressed in authentic Japanese costumes during a five-day learning unit on theatre and drama. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Theatre Troupe Brings Japan To Robinson

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The study of Japan continued at Robinson Park Elementary School with the travelling children's theatre troupe called Kit & Kaboodle Productions.

They conducted an Artists In Residence project funded by Robinson PTO and School Improvement Council funds. The three fourth grade classes at Robinson received a five-day residency in theatre and drama. At the conclusion of the project, the classes produced three one-half hour plays based on Japanese folktales.

The travelling trio of Kit & Kaboodle Productions are all teachers. Majorie Secora, Mary K. Makoski, and Lyle W. Pearsons have each worked with students in drama and done acting, and are members of the Suffield Players.

Ms. Secora has directed, choreographed and acted in over 28 productions, among them *Agnes Of God*, for

which she won the Connecticut Theatre Association Festival's "Best Costume Design Award" and also played the title role.

Pearsons is well-known to area audiences for his involvement with the Suffield Players, where he has won many awards in acting, directing, and set design.

He presently teaches acting to young people at the Drama Studio, Inc., Springfield, and visited Middle School's Project S.E.E. sixth graders last year to help them create their own play.

Ms. Makoski has appeared in summer stock in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and drama festivals in Massachusetts and Connecticut, where she has won awards for her roles in *Tartuffe* and *Sorry, Wrong Number*. She has given many creative dramatic workshops at the elementary and secondary level for

both students and teachers.

Principal Barbara Skolnick said, "With the help of parents and teachers, the children made all their own costumes and props, and learned their parts. Every fourth grader was involved. They also learned Japanese customs and some vocabulary."

The first production was presented by Josephine Whitehead's class. *Magic Fan* was designed to "make us think about how we should be in our hearts and about what we should and should not do," said Ms. Makoski.

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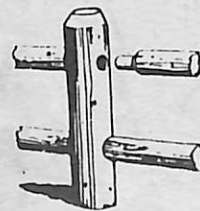
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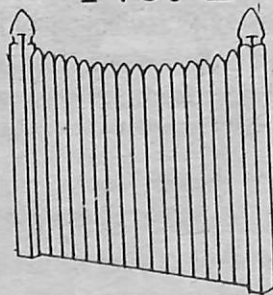


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ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS recently participated and dressed in Japanese garb to perform two folktales at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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The second folktale was entitled *Urashimotoro* and was performed by Andrew Bower's Room 12 students. Stage movements with shadow puppetry and stick puppets were utilized during this performance. With special lighting behind a projection screen, the use of actual Japanese shadowry was accomplished.

Costumes included masks, fans, obis, headbands, kimonos of many colors, and customary hats. The scenery including Japanese paper lanterns and for audio effect there was taped original music.

Before the onset of the third play by Pat Burnett's class, children practiced counting in Japanese and learned simple words such as *konnichi-wa* (hello), *sayanara* (good-bye), and *kudasai* (please).

Ms. Makoski said that Kit & Kaboodle will also come to schools for various programs. "We do the play *'Beauty And The Beast'* or workshops. We are presenting a puppet show entitled *'Making A Difference'* to teach self-esteem, assertiveness, and skills to meet life head on." The group can be contacted at 569-0318 in Southwick, or in Connecticut, 1-203-668-0858."

The final story was *Momotaro, Boy Of The Peach* and held a typical oriental drama theme. The scenery involved a temple, and students played symbols, bells, and drums. Shadowing was used to portray battles with large Bo staffs when the Boy of the Peach defeated the King (who must then guard the temple for the rest of his days).

Retirement Party To Honor Principal James H. Loomis, Jr.

A Retirement Party to honor James H. Loomis, Jr., principal of Granger School will be held Thursday, June 1st, at Betty's Old Towne House, 288 Walnut street, Agawam.

Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., with a smorgasbord to follow at 7:00 p.m. Donation is \$30.

For tickets please contact Joann Barnes, 789-1400, extension 408, or Phyllis Lewis, 789-1400, extension 407, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prior to May 25th.

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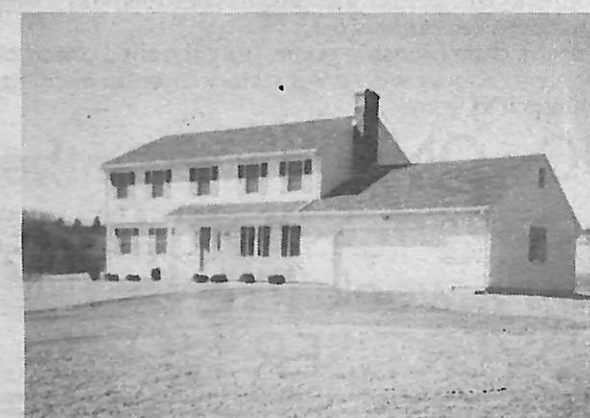
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Volleyball Tourney Held At Junior High Crowns Champs

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Friday, April 7th, Agawam Junior High students held the finals to a double elimination volleyball tournament. This was the end of a six-week unit in physical education for all seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

Physical Education instructors Phil Tomkiel, Dave Smith, Cindy Grieve, and Carol Orsatti picked captains for the teams and the student teammates were picked from a list by the captains in a draft style. Midway through the unit an in-class tournament was held and the instructors picked 16 teams in the double elimination tournament.

Mrs. Orsatti said, "The 16 teams could be first place teams or all-star teams. We were not just looking for good volleyball but the benefits that go along with playing, such as good sportsmanship, encouragement, and improvement with team effort."

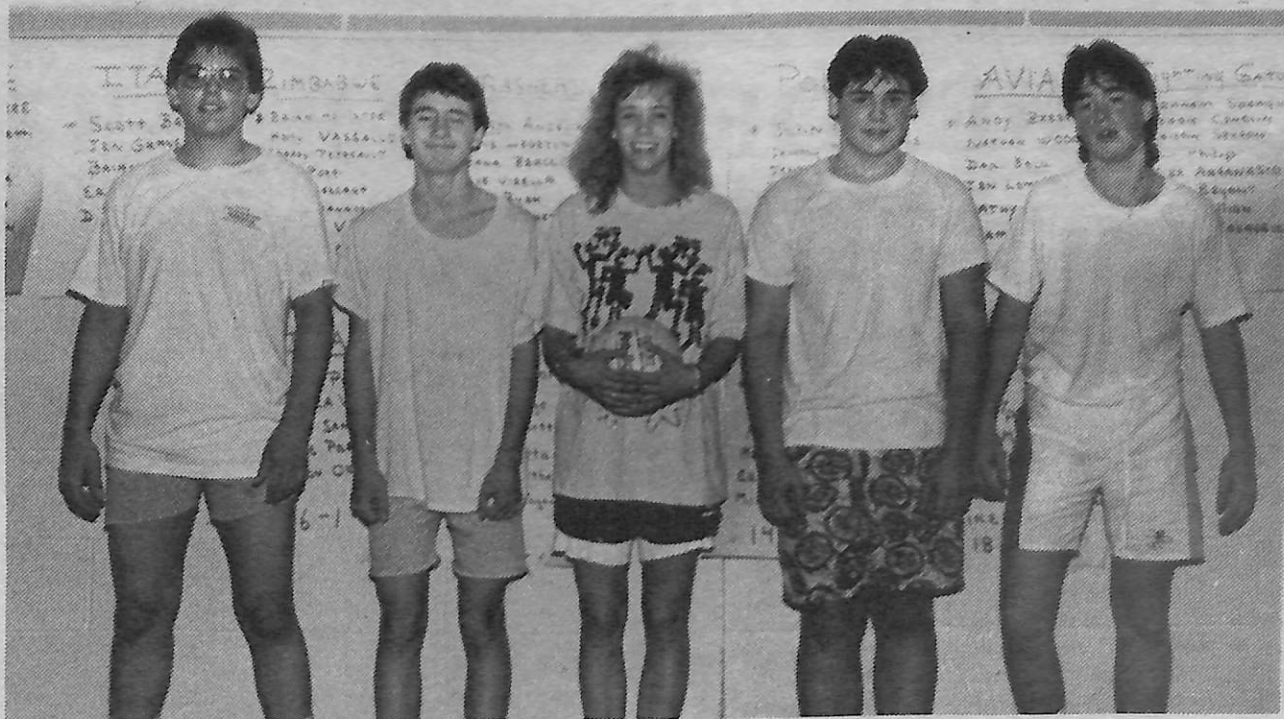
Tomkiel said, "On Thursday we began with over 100 kids, 16 teams representing 15 classes for the semi-final tournament." The team names were UMass vs. UConn, Fighting Gators vs. Duke, Luxemburg vs. France, Italy II vs. Thrashers, Fruity Pebbles vs. Oklahoma Sooner, Avia vs. Poland, Rejects vs. Italy, and Zimbabwe vs. Syracuse as double eliminations began.

For the Friday finals, Italy II beat out Oklahoma Sooner with a 7-6 score, while Syracuse challenged Luxemburg. Overcoming the challenge Luxemburg went on to play Italy II, and Oklahoma Sooner sat out during this match. Oklahoma had entered the finals with no losses.

The Oklahoma Sooners team included captain **Bob Peloquin**, **Jeff Perrault**, **Ben Walsh**, **Sharon Knowlton**, and **Mike Gillis**, and had an 18-3-1 record during in-class competition. Their tournament record was 4-2.

Italy II's team consisted of captain **Bill Pisano**, **Erica Vanderhoof**, **Tony Santore**, **Mike Parent**, and **Aaron Orsucci**, and went into the semi-finals with a 16-1-2 record and two ties for their in-class competition. Their tournament record was 6-1.

For the championship game, Italy II pulled ahead of Oklahoma Sooner with a 9-8 victory after an exciting, well-matched game.



MEMBERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL team that participated in an intramural program. From left - Tony Santore, Mike Parent, Erica Vanderhoof, Aaron Orsucci, and Bill Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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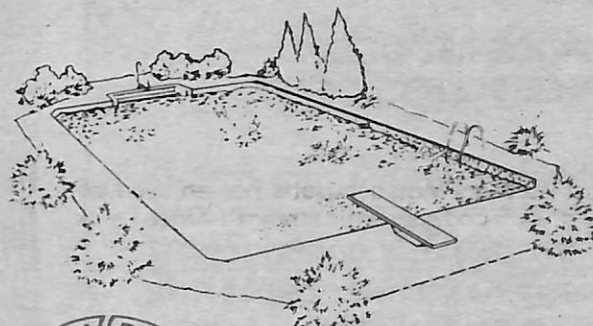
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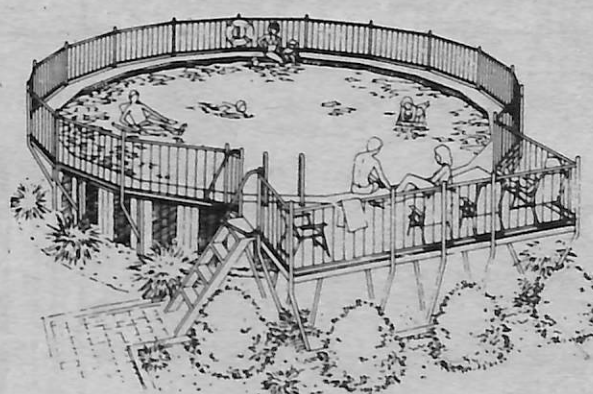
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Guest Editorial...

State Rep. Walsh Explains Decisions Made On State Budget

by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh

My office was recently inundated with phone calls and letters from people all over my district urging increased state funding for education in the House budget.

Some of you who contacted me also added that you would be willing to pay for the increased taxes needed to sustain the \$182 million in spending for these items.

One of the most difficult decisions I've made in my seven years in the Legislature was to say no to such a dedicated group as the teachers. The reason is simple: Massachusetts simply does not have the money at this time to support such spending.

As I've had to say no to \$182 million more for education, I've had to say no to hospitals for an additional \$150 million; advocates for the homeless, welfare recipients, and mentally ill for an additional \$230 million; social service workers, who are woefully underpaid, for approximately \$21 million; county sheriffs who have severely overcrowded jails for \$27 million; arts and humanities advocates for \$9 million and many, many more.

Each of these groups had a compelling need but at this time Massachusetts just does not have the money to spend.

In January, Governor Dukakis did us a real disservice by filing a budget that he called a "maintenance" budget which increased the budget base by \$1 billion over last year.

This increase in spending, which included \$120 million in new local aid, called for new taxes which would raise \$736 million in revenues. This policy is thoroughly misguided. I believe, as do many of my colleagues, that in such difficult fiscal times we have to first look at where we can cut before we raise taxes.

Instead, the governor chose to raise taxes first and spend without evaluating where state spending could be cut. He, unfortunately, only served to raise people's hopes without admitting how perilous the Commonwealth's fiscal situation truly is.

The truth is the state may have a deficit of over \$200 million for fiscal 1989 and Dukakis' budget for fiscal 1990, if passed as written, calls for \$600 million more in spending than it does in revenue.

In the last 10 years Massachusetts has enjoyed extraordinary growth and economic strength. Since I took office in 1983, Local Aid has grown 92 percent in Massachusetts. During that time, Agawam has experienced Local Aid growth of 86 percent. This prosperity has allowed us to embark upon many worthy proposals such as the Education Reform Act of 1985 which established the EEO programs.

But we are now faced with the reality that spending will far exceed our income, leading to a deficit unless we exercise the appropriate fiscal restraint.

Despite the governor's illusions, many polls show that the people of Massachusetts are not amenable to a broad-based tax increase. Consequently, it is unlikely that a majority of legislators, elected by those people, will vote for a tax increase at this time.

Also, the Massachusetts Citizens for Limited Taxation has threatened that any tax increase that passes the Legislature will be subject to a referendum petition drive.

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Teachers' Appreciation Day Held At Phelps

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Thursday, April 13th, Phelps Elementary School PTO once again honored their staff with Teachers' Appreciation Day. PTO President Louise Abdow said, "Committee co-chairwomen Sue Jorgenson and Angela Beaudry did a beautiful job."

In the morning a table in the cafeteria was set out offering homemade breads, blueberry muffins, and coffee cakes for a breakfast treat with coffee or tea.

At 11:30 a.m., volunteer parents took over classrooms, recess, and lunch duty so that the entire staff could gather in the festively-decorated auditorium for a leisurely luncheon catered by Pajers.

"We could never do something like this if it wasn't for the volunteers. I would like to thank all the parents, including the fathers, who came in to help out," said

Mrs. Abdow.

Bill Beaudry made corsages with a carnation setting for each of the staff members, and the PTO presented kindergarten teacher Jane Sauter with a pair of gold earrings in appreciation for her many years of service and being on the board of the PTO as a teacher representative.

"The auditorium was decorated with balloon centerpieces on each table and each detail was attended to," said Mrs. Abdow.

This is the fifth year that the Phelps PTO has planned a teacher luncheon of this sort. Mrs. Abdow said that the auditorium was much more conducive to the atmosphere of a relaxed, enjoyable luncheon, than trying to put so many people into a classroom to be fed.

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WALSH - From Page 59...

Sensing this no-tax climate, House Ways and Means released a budget which cut \$586 million of spending from the Governor's budget and called for no new taxes. The spending cuts are painful, such as no new Local Aid and other cuts that have been previously mentioned.

But the House budget reflects the fiscal reality of the current situation, that is, if there is sentiment for no new taxes then this is the only spending the state can afford based on the amount of revenues available.

I supported the House budget and opposed amendments to increase spending. It should be noted that none of the amendments to increase spending contained a proposal to raise the revenues to sustain such spending. I did not do this with pleasure or out of spite, nor was education singled out since cuts were made across the board.

Many amendments I opposed were for funding of programs I helped fight for in the past. But again, the bottom line is that with no new revenues available, this is all we can afford.

There is still a long way to go in this budget process. The Senate will have its own version but has indicated that despite cuts of nearly \$600 million, the House budget may be spending \$200 million more than the state has revenues.

While I don't agree with Senate Ways and Means in this assessment, the fact that the Senate is calling for more spending cuts again underlines the fact that revenues are currently not available.

Many of your calls and letters have expressed a very important point: funding for education, is not so much the expenditure of money, as it is an investment in the future.

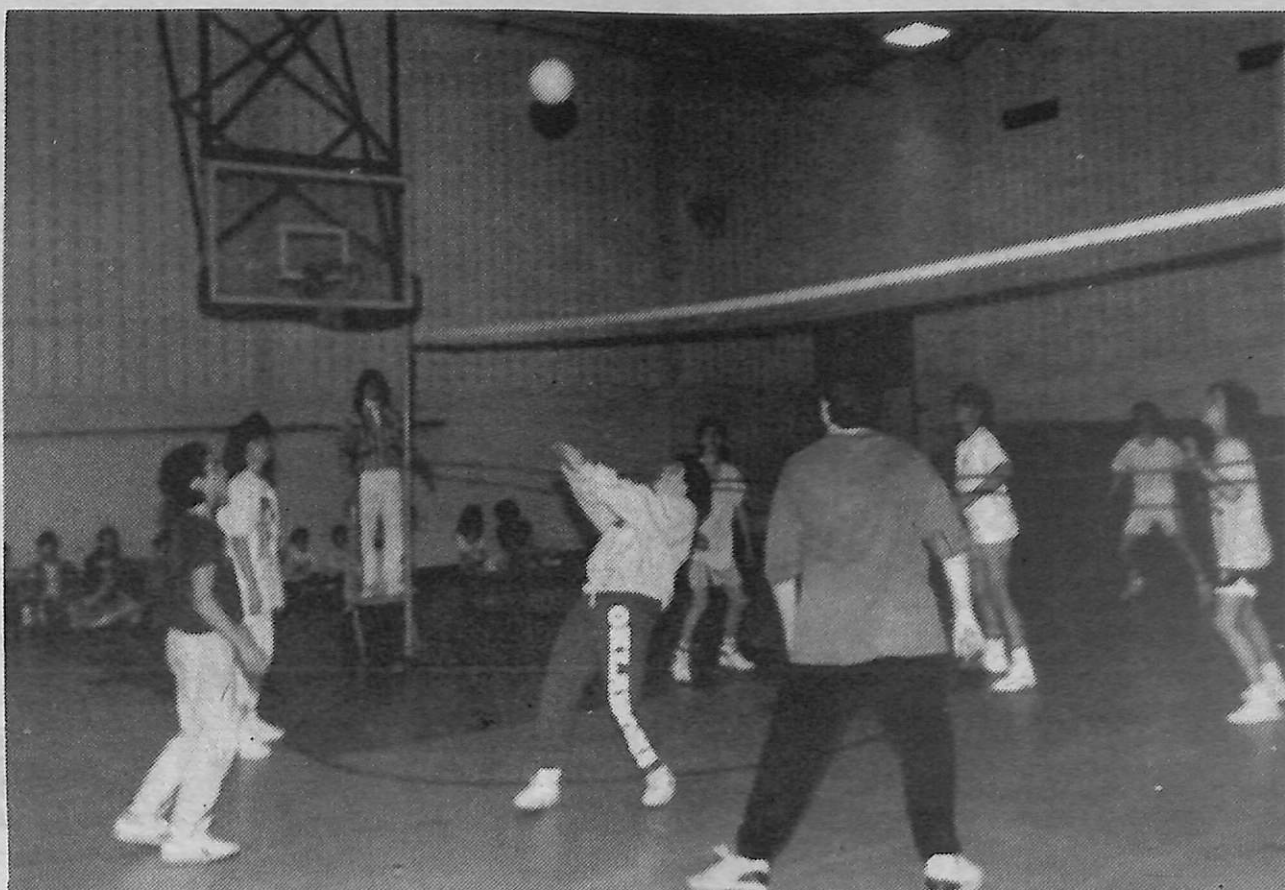
Quality education ensures that the generations to come will be productive in industry, government, and the arts. Let me assure you, the quality of education that is provided here in the Commonwealth is important to me. If any new revenues are proposed, I will seriously consider supporting such a proposal if that money is targeted for public and higher education.

If I may give you some advice, I would take your case to your family, neighbors, and friends. If they expect professionalism and quality education for their children, quality care for the elderly, adequate care for the mentally ill, decent medical care and effective public safety, then revenues are needed to assure that such services are maintained.

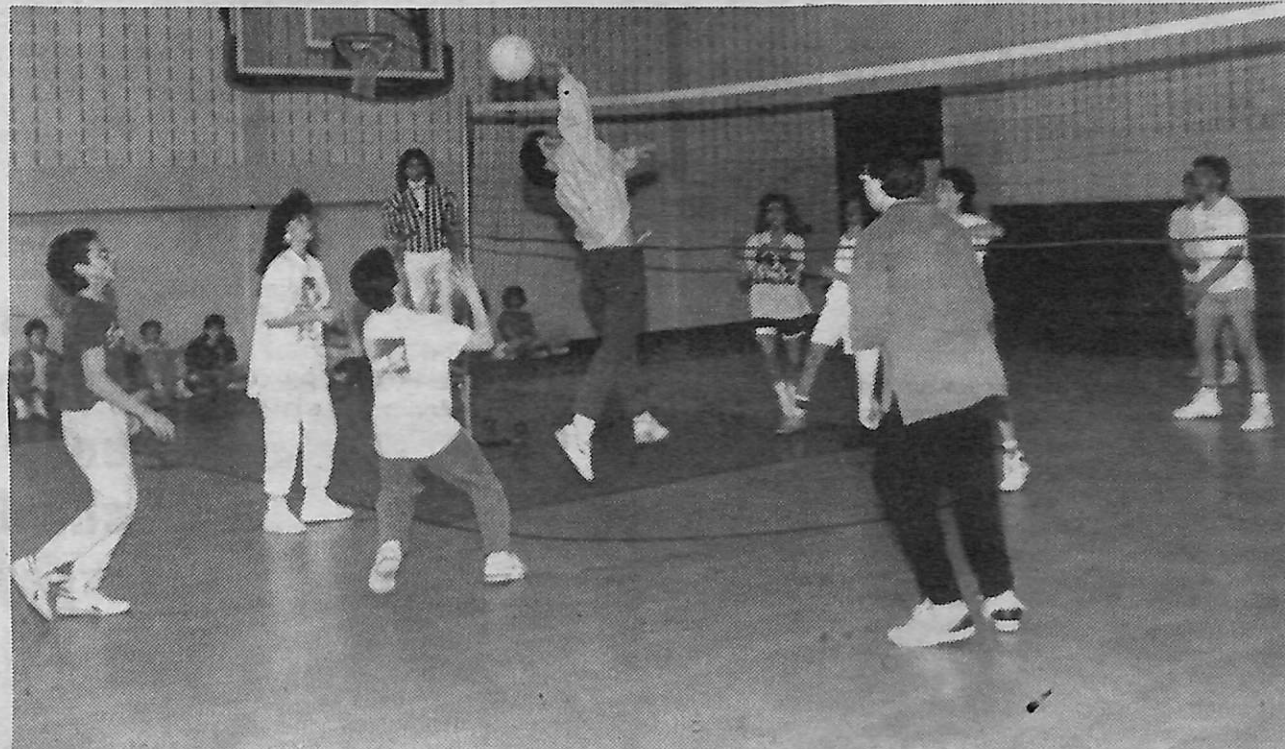
I appreciate the fact that you will support new taxes but The Massachusetts Teachers Association and other advocacy groups must get the message out to the people of the Commonwealth. If these services are necessary to our quality of life, then the revenues to support those services are also necessary.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for your valuable input. Your sentiments were very seriously considered and will be when I have to make even more difficult decisions that lie ahead regarding the cutting, spending-taxes, dilemma. You and the advocates for other state services have presented me with strong evidence that spending cuts will have disastrous effects upon your programs. My fervent hope is that when the FY 90 budget is approved sometime this summer, it will be humane yet fiscally prudent. I'm gratified by your input so far and as the budget process progresses, I look forward to working with all of you

Intramural Volleyball Success At Junior High



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING in the Intramural Volleyball competition at the Agawam Junior High School are pictured in recent action (RELATED STORY & PICTURE on Page 58). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Sports

Brownie Girls Split 1st Two Track Meets

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High girls' track team is off to a good start (1-1) after dropping a close meet, 69-67 to West Springfield, and then edging Westfield, 74-63.

The Brownies displayed they have plenty of speed by sweeping the sprints (100 and 200).

Both races were won by senior Kim Zielinski, who also took the long jump. She ran the 100 in 14.3, the 200 in 27.3, and covered 13'10" in the long jump.

Behind her were Traci DiMascola and Maria Losito. In the 100, Losito, just a sophomore, took second in 14.3 and DiMascola was third in 14.4. The two reversed places in the 200 when DiMascola covered the distance in 28.0 and Losito finished in 28.7.

Other event winners for the Brownies were Liz Korza (discus-65'4¾"), Missy Rinaldi in the triple jump (30'10"), and Missy Danio in the shot put (31'4") and the javelin (87'6").

Sophomore Sarah Fogg took the 400 (72.8), and Jen Aldridge placed the two-mile in 14:09; Becky Bryant took second in the long jump (13'6") and the 110 high hurdles (20.2). She also placed third in the 300 low hurdles (57.91).

Senior Tammy Rocca finished second behind Rinaldi in the triple jump with a leap of 30 feet.

Cathy Hill took second in the mile (6:40), while Missy Parentela was second in the 300 hurdles (56.1).

Korza placed third in the shot put with a 22'9" toss. Kim Hodges' time of 3:12 in the 800 was good for third. Jen Lomelino was third in the 400 (78.2).

Coach Jeff Reece was proud of his team's victory over Westfield, especially on the sandy track. "The first 10 yards of the 100 is through sand. Even the Westfield coach said she hates the track. But everyone did well. Kim (Zielinski) really ran well considering the lousy track conditions."

In the meet Missy Danio (shot put, javelin), Zielinski (200), DiMascola (100, 200), and Losito (100), qualified for the Annual Western Mass. Meet in May.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS on the 1989 Agawam High girls' varsity track team with their two coaches, Lisa Chevalier (left) and Jeff Reece (back). Seniors are, from left - Elizabeth Korza, Tammy Rocca, Kim Zielinski, Christina Morassi, and Missy Danio. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

On Friday, April 21st, the locals opened the season in a tight, heartbreaking, 69-67 loss to West Springfield.

In that meet, Missy Danio won the shot put (30'1") and the javelin (100'5"). DiMascola took the 100 (12.3) in front of Losito (12.4).

The team of Zielinski, DiMascola, Christina Morassi, and Losito took the 4 X 100 relay in 56.7.

Tammy Rocca won the 400 (70 seconds). Missy Rinaldi won the two-mile (13:32) and took second in the 800 (2:53) and the triple jump (30'11").

Zielinski won the 200 (29.1) and got third in the long jump (13'4").

Jen Easton, Morassi, Sarah Fogg, and Rocca combined efforts to win the 4 X 400 relay in 5:08.

Korza's 65'½" toss in the discus was good for second. Cathy Hill took second in the mile (6:27), and Fogg was second in the 300 hurdles (56.6). Easton was runner-up in the two-mile (13:57).

Shannon Scarlet's javelin toss of 49'4" was good for third. Becky Bryant was third in both the 100 hurdles (20.5) and 300 hurdles (58.9).

Carol Vivenzio ran the mile in 7:03 for third and Karen Book's 74.9 in the 400-meter run got third place as well.

St. Anthony Church Plans Annual Golf Tournament

St. Anthony's Church of Agawam Pastor's Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Agawam Country Club on Tuesday, May 23rd, starting time—8:00 a.m. In case of rain, it will be the following Tuesday, May 30th.

Men, women, and friends of St. Anthony's are in-

vited to participate. Program will consist of 18 holes of golf, a motor cart for two, plus a macaroni and chicken dinner to be held in the church hall approximately 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will also be served with dinner. Donation is \$22.

Numbers of players will be limited to 40, so please sign-up early. Reservations may be made by calling Lou Scherpa, 786-0203; Virgilio Pescetta, 786-4525; or St. Anthony's Rectory, 786-3724.

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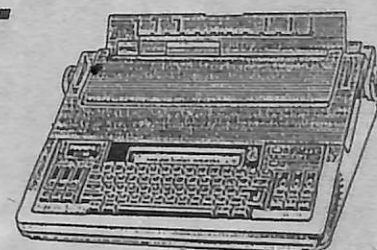
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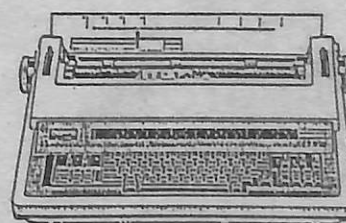
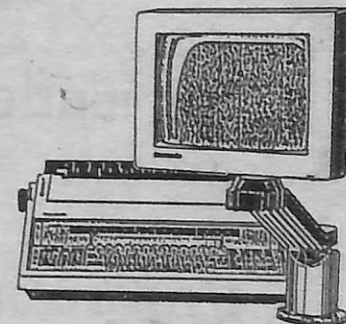
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Brownies Softball Stops 'Hamp, 12-6

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam High hurler Alana Graham whiffed six and walked four en route to a huge 12-6 Valley Wheel victory over previously undefeated Northampton, Tuesday, April 25th, at Harmon Smith Field. The Brownies, badly in need of a big boost after floundering somewhat at the .500 mark, improved to 4-3 and 2-0 in the Valley Wheel while handling Northampton (6-1) its first loss.

AHS coach Sharon Flag was naturally pleased with the victory. "This was very big for us," said Miss Flag. They were undefeated coming and we expected a good game. It could have been a lot closer but we put it all together today."

The locals sprayed 17 hits at their guests. Every Brownie who played reached base at least once. Shelly Morris led the offense with four hits, 1 RBI, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored. Allyson Manning was 3-3, including an RBI and 2 runs scored.

Chris Quink and Sue Cicchetti enjoyed 2-4 days and each scored a run.

"Our hitting is improving," said Miss Flag. "We've gone from five or six hits in our first few games (including being no-hit by Westfield a week ago) to 14 and 17 hit games."

AHS opened its Valley Wheel schedule with a 7-0 whitewash over Springfield Central. Graham notched the win. She allowed just five hits, whiffed two, and walked only one.

Co-captains Shelly Morris and Cindy Jochim each socked two hits and scored solo runs.

Other Brownies who crossed the plate included Graham (twice), Manning, Sue Jakubowski, and Cicchetti.

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The matches are open to any shooters who have not previously competed in either falling plate matches or bowling pin matches.

The Agawam Revolver Club Outdoor Range is located in Southwick on Route 57. From Route 91 take Route 57 westbound through Feeding Hills Center to just over the Southwick line, and look for the sign on the right; follow the dirt road one mile into the woods, and you are at the range.

Each match will cost \$5 per gun (revolver, automatic and open class) for the day. We will run at least five relays with each gun.

The matches will run from 11:00 a.m. until the predetermined number of relays are finished.

The falling plate matches will require the use of lead bullets; the bowling pin matches will necessitate the use of heavier and either lead or jacketed ammunition. The plates only need to be knocked over; the pins need to be knocked off the table (4'x8').

If you have any questions about either match, call 786-7071 and ask for Don.

Matches will be run only in nice weather. Falling Plate Matches, May 7th and July 30th; Bowling Pin Matches, June 18th and August 13th.

AHS Boys' Tennis Looks For .500

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Ken Dean, Agawam High's boys' tennis coach, is hoping that a revamped lineup and a comparable West Springfield team will end the Brownies two-match skid and improve their record to 3-3.

The local visited the Terriers on Wednesday, April 26th, presstime.

A pair of losses to East Longmeadow and Holyoke dropped the Brownies to 2-3. The locals had defeated Minnechaug and Ludlow after taking their lumps in the seasonal opener to a strong Westfield team.

Even with the losses Dean is optimistic. "The season is going as expected. One or two matches could have gone either way. Hopefully, we'll be at .500 on Wednesday (following the West Side match).

The Brownies fell to East Longmeadow, 4-1, Monday, April 24th. In that match, the number two doubles team of Mark Calvanese and Hans Mueller won, 6-1, 6-0 to register Agawam's lone team point.

Other action saw David Dean fall to Scott Pothul, 1-6, 2-6. Andy Allen was bested by Chris Castinguy, 2-4, 4-6. Number three singles Ed Hastings lost to Steve Davis, 2-6, 0-6. And number one doubles Martino Santanello and Alan Porowski were defeated, 2-6, 4-6.

On April 19th, the Brownies were swept, 5-0, by the Purple Knights of Holyoke. In that contest, David Dean

lost to Dan Beuregard, 0-6, 1-6. Number two Andy Allen was defeated by Mark Morneau, 1-6, 3-6. Number three Eddie Hastings fell to Eric Wescott, 1-6, 0-6.

The number one doubles pairing of Santinello and Porowski were on the down side of a 3-6, 4-6 match, and second doubles Bill Park and Mark Calvanese lost as well.

The Brownies had entered the Holyoke match on a high note after defeating Minnechaug, Monday, April 17th.

Dean suffered a loss to Todd Dickson, 2-6, 5-7. Allen defeated Brendan Holloran, 6-3, 6-0. Hastings fell to Greg Lefebvre, 3-6, 7-5, 2-6. Porowski and Santinello had to go the distance to win, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, and Park and Calvanese sealed the victory with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Mike Viniata and Matt Nelson.

Dean was unsure of his actual lineup vs. West Side, but it tentatively looked like this - David Dean, number one; Santinello, number two; Allen, three; Mueller and Calvanese, first doubles; and Porowski and Hastings, second doubles.

He said this change came about because of the tougher competition the Brownies will be facing in coming weeks.

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Gregor & Czarnacki Big Winners At Cold Riverside Speedway

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In the Modifieds, Stan Gregor of Southington started in 12th in the Budweiser-sponsored Modified. Gregor took the lead from Jerry Pearl on lap seven and began to pull away. Second place driver Rick Summers was being seriously challenged by Bruce D'Allesandro, who charged to the checker from the 11th position.

There were only two cautions in the event which paid \$1,200 to win plus the Dave Furoni Memorial Bonus Money. Late in the event Gregor and D'Allesandro put on a show and proved to be the class of the field. The two battled for 20 laps before Gregor finally was able to pull away for the big win. For Gregor, it was his first of the season.

In winning for Luther Hosner, Gregor said, "I really wanted to win this one in memory of Furoni as well. Also, this was extra-important to my entire crew as one of our members, Larry Duval, died from a heart attack earlier in the week. We'll always remember Larry. He was a 17-year member of the team. This one is for him," said Gregor.

After Gregor in the STP Budweiser-sponsored event was D'Allesandro (Electric Contractors). Third place was John Zavis (Metro Door). Fourth was Rick Summers (Simons Executive), and fifth was Chris Kopec (Gary's Towing).

Sixth through 10th was Brian Schofield, Jerry Pearl, Wade Cole, John Cote, and Brian Heitala.

The Late Model Streets ran a 50-lap event as Kevin Czarnacki took the early lead and never fell to the pressures being applied by second place finisher Dave Freacci. Third went to Gee Perry. Fourth was Tom Carey and fifth was secured by Gary Pelliter.

Sixth through 10th included Jim Roule, Dan Lavoie, Roger Charette, John Meany, and Ted Chalmers. The Late Model Streets' feature paid \$500 to win.

"I owe this win to my dad, family, and sponsor. This is my biggest win and now I want a shot at the championship," said Czarnacki in the Winston victory lane.

Ted Hebert led the Pro Stock feature until Dave Carusso came from the middle of the pack to win the

1989 AHS Boys' Track Captains



THE 1989 Agawam High boys' track captains are Jeremy Doran, Rich Birk, and Jeff Retzler. Coaches again this year are Eric Lunden (left-assistant) and Mike LaZazzera (right-head coach).

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25-lap Pro Stock feature, which paid \$650 for first. Second in the feature was a good battle right to the checker as Chris Kopec held-off defending champion Tom Rosati of Agawam for third.

Mark Forino came from the back of the pack to finish in the fourth spot. Fifth went to Jerry Marquis. Marquis pitted early to come back up front. Sixth to 10th included Ted Hebert, Ed Carroll, III, John Rosati of Agawam, John Lobo, Jr., and Brian Crunden.

"I think it's about time. The car finally made it. We

have had no luck at all. Tonight, we got our first win and we owe this to Duro-Flex and the family sponsors," said Carusso.

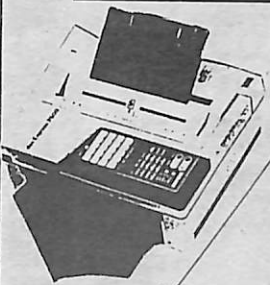
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An exercise: Put a tee in the sand beneath the ball just deep enough so that the ball does not sit on it. Now, in playing the shot, try to get the tee out of the sand. Practice that and you'll learn to make a nice cut through the sand.

A couple of other things about bunker play. First, the length of your follow-through determines how far the ball will go on an explosion shot. Second, you "blade" the ball, "skull" it, hit it "thin" or "clean" because you have not retained the flex in your knees throughout the swing.

Westfield YMCA To Hold Registration For Programs

Westfield: Registration for Youth Physical Education and Aquatic Programs at the Westfield YMCA will take place April 17th through 29th. Programs include swim lessons for pre-school through eighth grade in a variety of classes and times. Get ready for a safe and fun summer.

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Agawam-West Side CROP Hunger Walk Set May 7th

The Agawam-West Springfield "CROP" Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, May 7th, beginning at Agawam High School at 2:00 p.m.

Registration is at 1:30 p.m. The total distance will be 10 kilometers or 6.2 miles.

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Agawam High JV Softball Team Members



THIS YEAR'S captain for the Agawam High girls' junior varsity softball team is Teresa Desmarais. At right is this year's coach, former Agawam High softball star Gina Frasco. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1989 Agawam High junior varsity softball team. Back row, from left - Christine Chausse, Andria Tobin, Michelle Kopcinski, Dena Gagne, Shannon O'Keefe, Becky Fila, and Coach Gina Frasco. Front row - Amanda Hamel, Teresa Desmarais (captain), Karen Baumgardner, Krysten Godrey, and Nancy Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

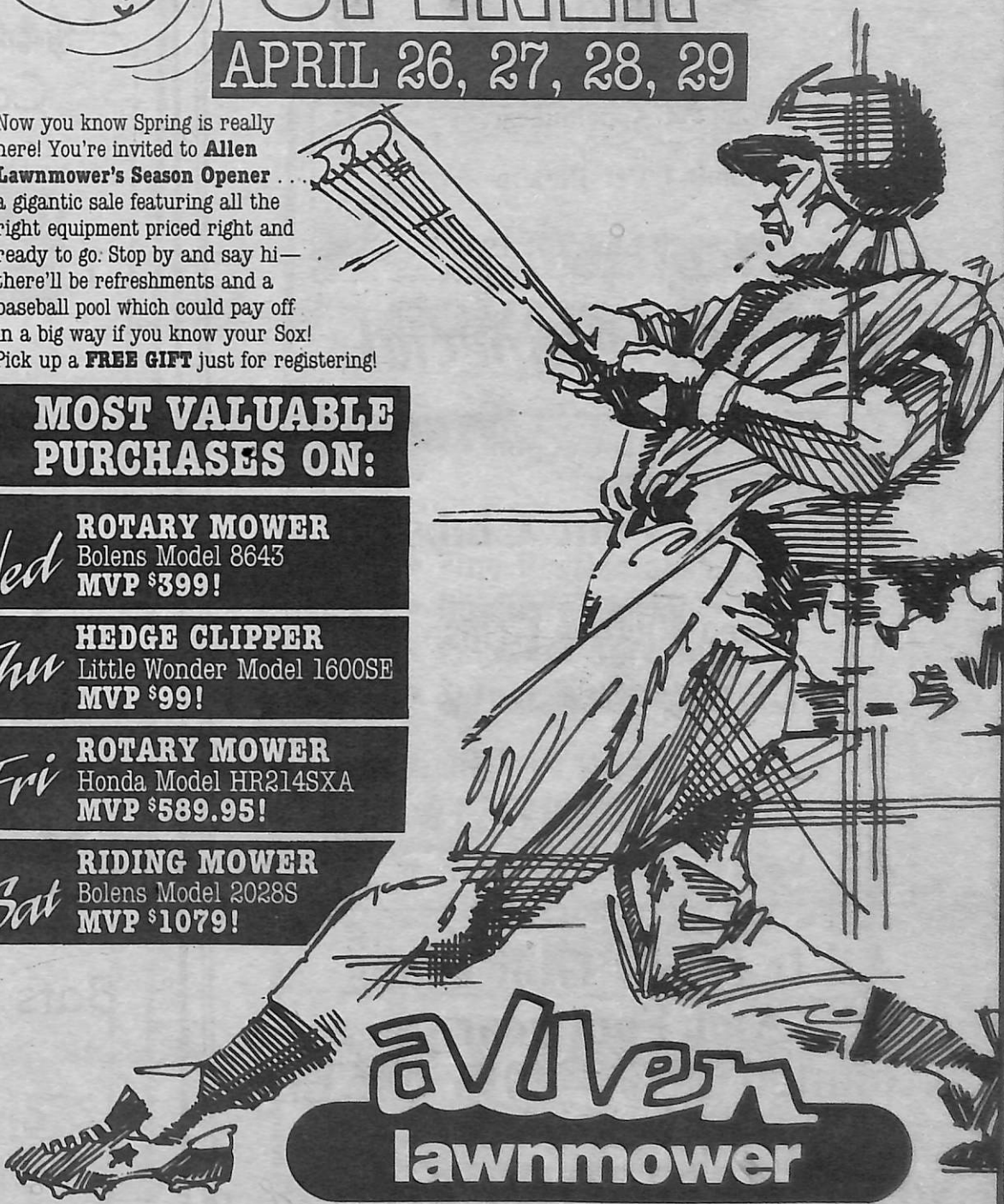
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Notre Dame Clinches Round 3 In Parish Bowl

Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Notre Dame. That was the chant after the 10th week of rolling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, held at the Agawam Bowl.

ND turned on the gas and has mathematically eliminated all the opposition for first place in Round Three and an automatic berth in the Grand Championships. ND has 29½ wins, with second place Fordham checking-in with 24 wins. In third place is St. Anselm (23 wins), and two teams, Catholic University and St. Michael, each have 22 wins.

ND clinched the Round Three title by taking three key wins over Catholic University. ND winners were ESTHER DEPALO (275), substitute MIKE O'CONNELL (289), and a big win for CHERYL PRZESZLO (268-260 over top women's roller KATHY BURLINGHAM).

In the battle of the captains, CU captain JIM SNYDER got the best of JOHN RESCIGNO, 296-275. Snyder's 21-pin victory, however, didn't prevent ND from clinching the Round Three crown.

Fordham, a team on the rise in recent weeks, got into the Grand Championship picture by destroying St. Mary (9th place-18 wins), four wins to none. Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (282), SANDY PRZESZLO (huge 320), and substitute TOM FENN (329). The only St. Mary winner was captain JOHN PROVOST, but that was only by three pins, 294-291.

Fenn was the high roller of this match in only his second appearance with the Tri-Parish League. Maybe we'll see more of him in the future.

Last year's Grand Champions, St. Louis (7th place-19½ wins), deal a devastating blow to St. Anselm, four wins to none. It finished St. A's for the Round Three title hunt and also put them in jeopardy of missing second place and a berth in the Grand Championships.

St. Lou winners were VENETTA SNYDER (267), RICK KOZAK (324), and captain LOU MULDER (285) over new St. A's anchorman RICH SNYDER (285). Snyder fell on his backside this week after his big 357 of the previous week. The only St. A's winner was TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK in the second slot. Kozak fired a 314, which is a strong score as number two.

St. Michael, a team that really fell on hard times during crunch time, bounced back somewhat to take three wins from lowly Holy Cross (11th place-13 wins). St. Mike's winners were CHRISTOPHER ORIFICE (303-has improved under the supervision of "The Mad Stork"), Ed Schultski (who rifled three straight strikes while really whipping the lanes for a huge 338), and STU "The Mad Stork" STORK, 356-293 over poor HC captain LARRY VIENS. The only HC winner was STEP STEPHANIAN (321).

Round One and Two champion Georgetown (10th place-17 wins), still floundering in Round Three, split with disappointing Boston College (6th place-21 wins), two wins each.

G-Town winner were CINDY KOZAK (296), JIM BURLINGHAM (293), and AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, a 378-375 bloodpath victory over BC captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL. This one was a real grudge match and went right to the wire. Moccio is desperately trying to rally his troops for the Grand Championships. "The Hammer" is saying "wait 'til next year." The only BC winner was JIM MACNAMEE, but it was by a sufficient margin - 324-273 over despondent VI MASSOIA.

In the final match of the night, Villanova, the last place team (12 wins), used 8th place Loyola (19 wins) for three victories in a vain attempt to get out of the cellar. Villanova winners were BARBARA HOWARD (284) and PAUL LAGODITZ (280). Loyola's two winners were JOHN MLINEK (257-256 over TOM "Timber" BURR), and captain STEVE ROVITHIS (301). Villanova captain RENEE JURY could only manage a 276. She's never been the same since you know when - "Warm Winds Over Bermuda."

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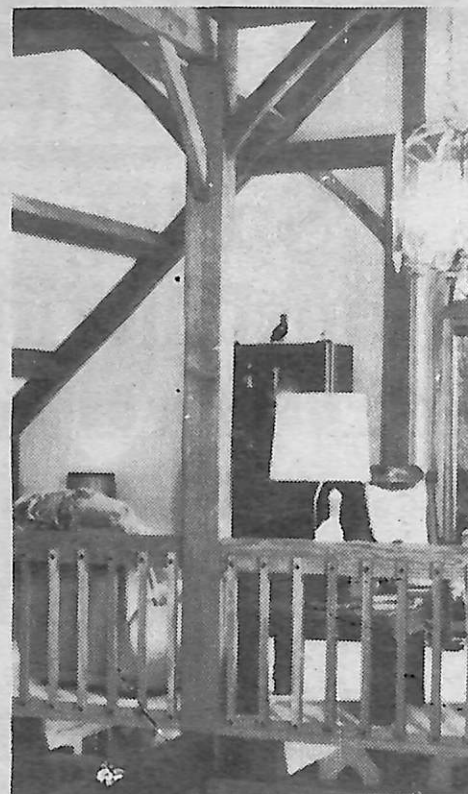
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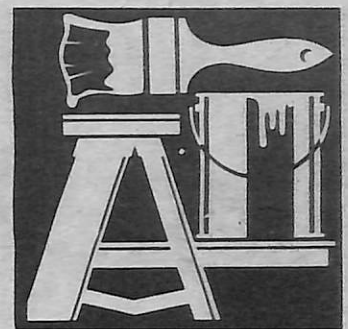
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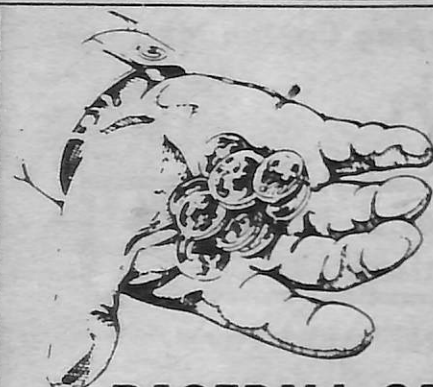
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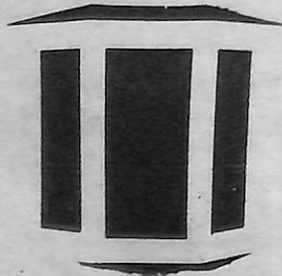
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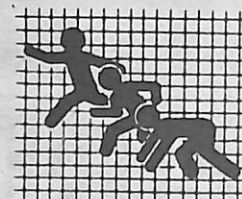
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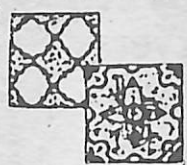
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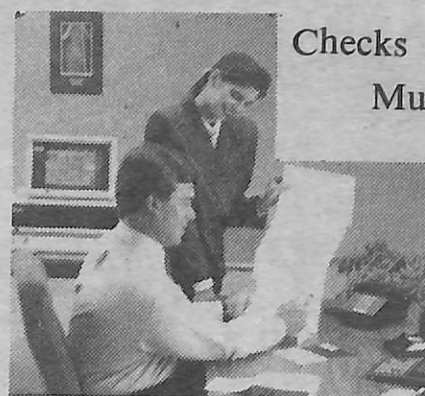
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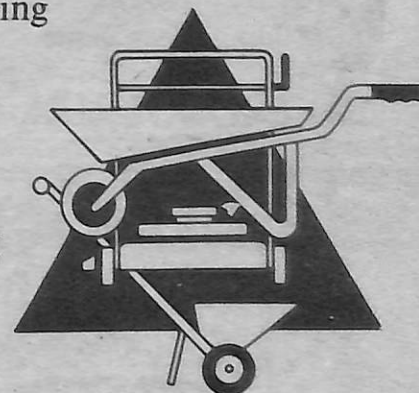
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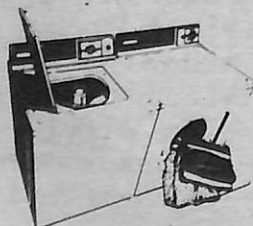
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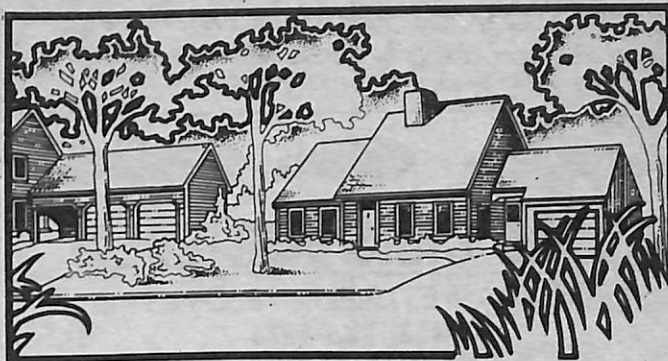
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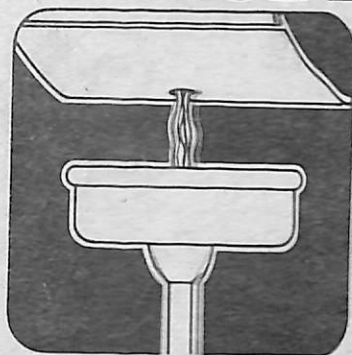
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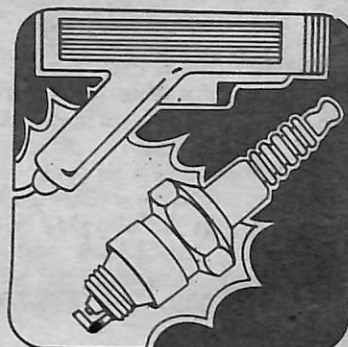


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